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CAUSE FOR ALARM

AS this new year progresses day by day, so do the clouds darken as strife and unrest increase. Turn where you will, hope as you have never hoped before, but this one fact stands out with accumulating terror: we are tottering with all the unpredictable certainty of a drunken man, towards World War III.

It is not necessary to qualify that statement. The gloomy headlines which have dominated the press for the few days of this year's existence, made that fact only too obvious. The determined optimism, whether he be statesman or just a plain workman, who finds reasons for satisfaction in the fact that, at the moment, strife is localised, is just living in a fool's paradise.

While the small states are divided by strife, and while we watch them, as it were, from a ring-side seat, we are aware that their seconds are the great powers pouring advice and ammunition upon them, and that it needs only a knock-down blow from one antagonist or the other to see the role of second evolve into that of the antagonist.

BUT if we consider the small states alone, the situation is not so alarming. It is merely an extension of historical consequences. In other words, the determination of peoples to have some power and policy in their governments, is the same cause which has tormented the world since the beginning of time.

Historically, America is removed from this movement. Her moment of determination was secured when she cast off the shackles of autocratic government in her War of Independence. We also know where the Western world stands. The United Kingdom, both by statement and action, has clearly proved where she stands. It is that power and policy is given into the hands of her former subject peoples, when they are ready to accept them.

SUCH a policy is easy to see and simple to understand, but not so the policy of the USSR. With almost the same slogan as that which set Britain granting freedom to her subject peoples, the Russian Empire has grown to dimensions outstripping the imaginations of a such rulers as Peter the Great, and Catherine the Great. We are met with such a contradiction as a people, granted Russian freedom, actually manning the barricades to fight against that freedom. Can it be wondered then, if we in the West, stand against the expansion of the Russian Empire, and fall to see any difference between its present policies and those of its former masters? But what exactly alarms us is that as one by one the small states go down or resolve their difficulties, the opposing ideologies are brought closer together. And when they meet, we know for sure, there will be a bang and a whimper! So there it is. There is cause for alarm, but certainly not for despair, providing there is honesty of purpose, and accompanying good will, in trying to sort out this seeming contradiction of policies.

Half million damage in bamboo yards BIG BOUNDARY ST FIRE

Squatter huts destroyed

A big fire broke out in three bamboo yards at No. 9 Boundary street, near Taikoktsui at 8.15 this morning, damaging about half a million dollars worth of goods and property.

Three coolies suffered slight injuries when the bamboo poles they were removing fell on them. About 200 people were made homeless when the blaze, fanned by northeast winds, engulfed about 20 squatter huts behind the bamboo yards. Although the fire was brought under control at about 10.30 am, a pall of white smoke still covered the scene of the fire. Numerous water jets crisscrossed over more than 10,000 square feet of the area thickly piled with bundles of bamboo poles. From time to time bamboo could be heard exploding like firecrackers.

Electric motor
It was said that the fire started when a spark from an electric motor in a cotton shop set cotton alight. Others said a stove in the kitchen of the cotton shop caused the blaze.

The actual cause of the fire however is still being investigated. Seven fire engines and a fire float arrived. Two firemen overcame with fatigue after prolonged exposure to cold and dampness and strenuous firefighting, collapsed with cramps. They were sent to hospital by ambulance.

Directing the firefighting on the scene was the Chief Fire Officer Mr W. J. Gorman, assisted by Mr V. C. Seymour, Deputy Fire Officer. A squad of Civil Aid Services men under the command of Mr Ralph W. K. Chung, Assistant Operations Officer, helped remove the bamboo poles to let the jets get at the heart of the fire.

Three yards
Damaged by fire and water were three bamboo yards — Shui Cheung, Wing Fung, and Wing Koo — part of Wah Hing Lung boiler-maker and welders, and the squatter huts. At the time of going to press firemen were still playing their hoses on the scene.

Electra speed restrictions lifted

New York, Jan. 4. Speed restrictions on modified Electra turbo-prop airplanes have now been lifted, airline officials said today. The restrictions, requiring pilots to fly the planes about 40 miles an hour under their regular cruising speed of about 400 miles an hour, were imposed after an Electra lost a wing and crashed in Indiana last March 20, killing all 63 aboard. —Reuter.

LABOUR PLANNING COMEBACK

London, Jan. 5. The Labour Party today announced details of a national campaign aimed at rebuilding the movement's strength and fighting power after its year of chaotic struggles over leadership and defence issues. An official campaign guide which is being sent to more than 600 Labour parties throughout Britain calls on the movement to put 100 per cent effort into the campaign and to keep it going for at least two years.

UK AIRPORTS HIT BY STRIKE

London, Jan. 5. Services by 10 major airlines out of London were at a standstill today as the result of a four-hour strike yesterday afternoon by 3,000 airport engineers and maintenance men. The airlines did not expect to be able to resume outgoing flights until late this afternoon at the earliest. Between them, this morning, they had cancelled or postponed 114 outgoing flights from London, affecting the travel plans of more than 4,000 people. The unofficial strike, in support of a pay claim, disrupted services at London and other major airports in Britain.

Britain's two state air corporations — British Overseas Airways and British European Airways — were hardest hit by the stoppage and resorted to the strikers by suspending them all for a day without pay. This led to night shift men also refusing to work.

Eight other airlines for which Bso handle servicing, became involved.

These were: Qantas, United Arab Airlines, Alitalia, South African Airways, Central African Airways, Iraqi Airways, Air India and Seaboard and Western (American cargo carriers). —Reuter.

Demonstrators halt UN Cuba debate

United Nations, Jan. 4. For the first time in its history the Security Council had to halt its proceedings today as shouting demonstrators in the public gallery interrupted a debate on the Cuban-United States situation.

The interruptions came as Dr Raul Roa, Cuba's Foreign Minister, was presenting charges of planned American aggression against the Caribbean republic. Dr Roa asserted that the demonstrations had been planned by the United States, and declared: "I insist that the Council guarantee me freedom of speech."

13 KILLED IN PLANT EXPLOSION

Dortmund, Jan. 4. Rescuers using arc-lights were tonight digging for an unknown number of workers buried in the debris of an oxygen plant which blew up today killing at least 13 and injuring 15.

There were 30 to 35 people in the building and only three escaped unhurt. Eleven of the injured cases are serious. Ten mutilated bodies were recovered.

The rescue teams expect to work through till daylight. The explosion flung people into the street, smashed windows and wrecked nearby huts. Fire followed and burned up parked cars. The plant was part of the Westphalian steel works which employs several thousand workers. Steel production will be affected for some time, according to a police spokesman. Dr Heinrich Lübke, West German President sent a message of sympathy to the Mayor of Dortmund. —Reuter.

Pushing aside his prepared text, he threw his hands in the air, then, leaned back in his chair and lit a cigarette. The President then recessed the council for five minutes. Earlier, Mr J. J. Wadsworth, the United States delegate, suggested that Cuba had deliberately provoked last night's American decision to break off diplomatic relations with Dr Fidel Castro's Government.

Insult
For nearly two years Cuba had piled insult upon injury to a point where "our diplomacy could not function any more," Mr Wadsworth asserted. Repudiating the Cuban charges as "ridiculous" and declaring that they were false and could not "stand the light of day," he said he did not oppose the Council's consideration of the Cuban complaint.

The agenda was then adopted without dissent. It was soon after this that Cuban exiles began shouting from the public gallery. When the Council resumed, Dr Roa listed several anti-Castro operations which alleged were being carried out by the United States.

What had happened recently — the rupture of relations — confirmed the strategy of the United States and was ready and it might occur at any moment. He called on the Council to declare the conduct of the United States as that of an aggressor.

New letter
During the session the United Nations released the text of a new Cuban letter to the President of the Council repeating the assertion that "according to reliable reports" the United States was plotting direct military aggression "within a few hours." —Reuter.

MANCHESTER BLAMES HK AGAIN

Manchester, Jan. 4. Britain's textile garment manufacturing industry met last year with a series of difficulties of increasing gravity arising mainly from the growing volume of imports from Hongkong and North America and also from the shortage of labour and cloth supplies.

Reviewing the situation of the industry, the garment manufacturers section of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce points out in its annual report issued today that during the first nine months of the year British imports of clothing from principal supplying countries amounted to £20.2 million, some 67 per cent higher than the corresponding period of 1959.

By far the largest contributor, the report says, was Hongkong at £11.8 million — an increase of 62 per cent. The removal of dollar restrictions led also to a "tremendous upsurge" in imports from the U.S.A. and to a lesser degree from Canada. In the period under review (January to September) imports from the U.S.A. rose from £0.3 million in 1959 to £1.6 million in 1960. "As a result of many representations made by various sections of the industry, the Government does not share the concern of the industry at the threat from this growing volume of import trade — one that could seriously undermine the employment position," the report goes on.

Build sales
However the report expresses the hope that the industry will be given some respite from Hongkong imports in 1962 when the agreement relating to piece goods ends its three-year period. If its reports from Hongkong seem to indicate a renewal of the agreement will be opposed by the Hongkong industry there might once again be a concentration on the export of piece goods from that territory. Regarding exports the report says that the industry will have to revise its ideas and take steps to increase its contribution to the country's earnings. It points out that only 3½ per cent of its output is exported compared with about 10 per cent from other industries and calls on the manufacturers to get in touch with exporting agents.

Former French Premier collapses

Metz, Jan. 4. Former Premier Robert Schuman, 74, was found today after he collapsed and helplessly spent the night in a rain-soaked farm pasture. Doctors who attended him said he is "very weak" but that his life was not in danger. Mr Schuman served as Premier in 1947-48. He was Foreign Minister in eight post-war French governments and is considered as the Father of the European Coal and Steel Plan. —UPI.

Dennis Crosby to pay more

Los Angeles, Jan. 4. Dennis Crosby, 20-year-old son of Bing Crosby, was today ordered to pay \$100 a week for the support of a three-year-old girl who was declared last week to be his child. A jury had found that Dennis Crosby was father of the girl, Denise, whose mother is a 25-year-old divorcee, Mrs Marilyn Scott. —Reuter.

PI ship on reef

Manila, Jan. 5. A Liberian ship identified as the Marita was reported today steaming to the rescue of a vessel in distress in southern Philippine waters.

The Marita was reported to be about 70 miles from the Port of Manila, "lying along its side and pounding against" Tubbataha reef some 400 miles south of Manila. The Port of Manila sent out a distress call at 8 am today requesting for "immediate assistance to remove the crew" from the vessel.

The message gave the location of the Marita as 844 north and 119.50 east, placing it in southern Philippine waters about 400 miles south of Manila. The message did not specify the nationality of the vessel, but it was believed to be of Filipino registry. It did not also give the number of people aboard the vessel. —UPI.

Admiral puts HK junks on market

London, Jan. 5. Chinese junks will be sailing in British waters if a rear admiral's plan to revolutionise United Kingdom yachting succeeds.

A 24-foot-six-inch pleasure junk made in Hongkong and imported into Britain was launched at London's National Boat Show, sponsored by the Daily Express, by Teal Chin leading actress of the smash hit show, "The World of Suzie Wong."

Rear Admiral Cobb, director of a Thames boat firm when the show opened today said, "We've had masses of enquiries already mostly from estuary and coastal yachtsmen."

Cost £1,450
Nothing like a pleasure junk with its traditional Chinese hull and sails has been seen in the United Kingdom before. They are selling at £1,450 and the admiral is prepared to take orders for junks up to 100 feet in length.

The craft is attracting crowds as it lies at anchor in a "Mediterranean harbour" specially built at Earls Court Boat Show. It left Hongkong weeks ago as deck cargo on a ship and arrived in London "after a good crossing."

The admiral decided to chance the British market after a colleague had seen Hongkong pleasure junks in San Francisco waters. Said Admiral Cobb, "If they could call them a sea boat, why they should not be successful in Britain. Delivery takes 60 days plus shipping time from Hongkong."

On our mettle
Opening the boat show, the President of the Board of Trade, Mr Reginald Maudling said, "Here in Britain we make craft to compete with any in the world. The more we see of competing products of our friends abroad, the more it puts us on our mettle." —Express Service.

NO SUPERIORITY
Calais, Jan. 5. City officials have duly added up last year's vital statistics and declared the battle of the sexes now a tie. There were exactly 945 boys born here last year and 945 girls. —AP.

JACK'S NOT ALL RIGHT

Palm Beach, Jan. 4. John Fitzgerald Kennedy, American President-elect, indicated today that he wished the newspapers would stop referring to him as "Jack," and would just call him "Kennedy" or refer to him by his initials, J.F.K.

However he stressed, through his spokesman Pierre Salinger, that he was not actually protesting against this use of a nickname, but simply felt that it was not "in keeping with the dignity of the office of the presidency."

Diminutives or nicknames are widely used in the United States for persons in the public eye. The newspapers often referred to President Eisenhower as "Ike." A few years ago he was asked if he disliked this nickname, which dates back to the days when he attended West Point military academy. He answered, "So-long as I live, I shall most readily answer to the name of Ike."

Former President Truman was barely called Harry by the newspapers, but former President Roosevelt was frequently referred to by his initials, F.D.R. —AP.

Fumes kill four and dog

London Jan. 4. A farmhand who became suspicious when he saw four people and a dog sitting "like waxworks" in their parlour at Crowborough today broke into the room and found all five were dead.

The room was filled with fumes from an anthracite fire. The four were a 68-year-old former Mr Dudley Collinson, his two ageing sisters, and a sister-in-law. The farmhand, Mr George Downer, told reporters he heard the dog bark a few minutes before he broke in. "But the figures remained seated and still like waxworks, and I became suspicious." —Reuter.



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New York stocks rise on war fears

New York, Jan. 4.

Stocks rallied sharply on a groundswell of buying today largely by fears of international conflicts.

Steels, chemicals, aircrafts, rails, metals, electronics and virtually every stock connected with an economy on a military footing vaulted into higher ground. Volume climbed well over yesterday's total.

London stocks gain

London, Jan. 4.

The Stock Exchange continued in its recent uncertain mood today but overcame early hesitancy and finished mainly higher.

A selective demand for industrial developed, and gains predominated at the close.

British government bonds responded to investor buying, especially of short-term issues. Gold mining issues led ground at the start, but rallied later. Coppers were fractionally better and this improved.

Oils were quiet and irregular.

—AP.

Closing prices

British Government Securities	
2½% Consolidated—4.43-16/16	
2½% Conversion—4.59	
2½% Savings 1955/57—4.50-31/32	
2½% Savings 1957/59—4.78 1/2	
2½% Savings 1957/59—4.71-1/16	
Banks & Insurance	
Barclays—65 1/2	
Chartered—143 1/2	
Hongkong Bank—273 1/4	
Lloyds Bank—172 1/2	
London Banking—104 1/2	
Oil	
Burmah—30 1/2	
Royal Dutch—211-10/32	
Steel Engineering	
Balcanic & Wilcox—22 1/2	
United Steel—35 1/2	
Vickers—104 1/2	
Industrials	
Amoco Elec. Industries—45 1/2	
Asahi Portland Cement—43 1/2	
Boardman, Mansel—44 1/2	
British Motor—49 1/2	
Castle & P. Co.—45 1/2	
Coalfields—44 1/2	
De La Rue—44 1/2	
Dunlop Rubber—22 1/2	
Elec. & Mus. Industries—42 1/2	
Ford Motor—114 1/2	
Gilman (Holdings)—25 1/2	
Great Universal—44 1/2	
Hawker Siddeley—28 1/2	
Mark & Spencer—44 1/2	
Rediffusion—44 1/2	
Rollerco—44 1/2	
Standard—44 1/2	
Unilever—44 1/2	
Woolworth—44 1/2	
Mines	
Petrol—44 1/2	
Petrol—44 1/2	
Miscellaneous	
Downs—44 1/2	
Canadian Pacific—44 1/2	
Hongkong & China—44 1/2	
Indo-China—44 1/2	
P. & O. Steam Nav. Co.—44 1/2	

New York cotton market

New York, Jan. 4.

Cotton futures today developed relative firmness in new crop deliveries, but overall activity was on the quiet side.

At the close the list ruled off 9 to 10 points. The market opened off 6 to 10 points. New Orleans closed off 10 to 10 points.

Speculation on the possibilities for a higher government support based on the new crop brought commission house buying in the forward deliveries, while sellers backed away pending further legislative developments.

Farm leaders will confer with President-elect Kennedy tomorrow in New York where it is expected there will be a wide divergence of opinion regarding farm legislation.

The weekly weather summary said only two per cent of the Texas acreage remained to be picked. About 93 per cent of the Arizona crop was reported picked and ginned.

Raw cotton exports for the season to date total 2,010,020 bales compared with 2,000,340 bales cleared for the same time last year, according to the New York cotton exchange.

Liverpool futures today closed off 5 to 10 English points and 580 to 587 American points under New York futures.

—UPI.

Agreed merchant rates

Canadian dollar maximum selling 19/10, minimum 18/10.

19/10 2/1, 17/10 0/1.

Unit trust

First Hongkong Fund: 19/10 2/1, 17/10 0/1.

Salor Price: 19/10 2/1, 17/10 0/1.

Where does Britain stand in the great gold controversy?

By Alexander Thomson

London, Jan. 4.

Where does the British government stand in the great controversy about the price of gold?

Some of its leading members, I believe, are of the opinion that an increase of the present level of \$35 an ounce is desirable.

But none has so far said so. This is too highly-charged a matter for open debate in official quarters.

Yet last year's fall of £580 million in American gold reserves makes it one of the big talking points for 1961.

Mr Harold Macmillan was last quoted about the price of gold by America's National Press Club in Washington two years ago.

He would not be drawn at all. To get any sort of hint on Whitehall's views on gold you have to go back five years to the International Monetary Fund meeting at Istanbul.

Mr Butler was then Chancellor of the Exchequer. And this is what he said on that occasion: "Provided that we choose the right moment an increase in value of the existing gold reserves would make it easier for the world to ensure that temporary balance of payments fluctuations are dealt with without recourse to restrictive measures."

FOR 27 YEARS

For 27 years this January 31, gold has been officially pegged by Americans at \$35 an ounce.

Some people say that an increase in price of gold would mean devaluation of the dollar and all other currencies.

The other view to take is that it would lift it to a more realistic level in relation to the present-day circumstances.

Since Mr Butler made his pronouncement to the International Monetary Fund, conditions have to some extent changed—in theory anyway.

Countries who are members of the Fund can now borrow much larger sums from it when they run into "temporary" difficulties.

But last year we saw some of them adopting "restrictive measures" without taking advantage of these facilities.

So it seems that the world is not yet ready to work happily on a kind of international "gold" system. It still has a healthy regard for gold as a means of international payment.

But whether we get an increase in official price this year, next year or sometime or never depends on the Americans.

They hold the whip hand so long as they can stand up to the strain of being ready sellers at \$35.

There can be little doubt however, that the world trade would benefit immensely if the price of gold were raised.

And sterling as the world's biggest trading currency would benefit too.

Hongkong - Malayan trade improves

Kuala Lumpur, Jan. 4.

Hongkong trade with Malaya continued to improve last year and the value for the first nine months reached HK\$277 million.

This was an increase of \$28.8 million over the same period in 1959.

Hongkong imports into the Federation and Singapore in the period amounted to \$187.2 million, up \$14.4 million.

Considerable shipments of Hongkong textile yarn and thread, sugar, cotton woven fabrics, shirts and other men's wear into the local market contributed to the increase.

Singapore and the Federation also bought more wheat, flour, dried fruit, manufactured wood and electrical equipment from the Colony.

Business done at the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$1,000,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers
HK Bank	1435	1445
London Reg.	1210	1220
E. Asia	208	218
UK Hotel	41	51
Wharf	260	268
Waterfront	2840	2850
Dock	115	116
Provident	2380	2390
UK Hotel	41	51
HK Land	73	75
Yumall	117	118
(New)	110	112
Ch. Light	2080	2070
Electric	2900	2910
Telephone	3815	3825
G.I. Cement	64	65
Dairy Farm	315	325
Watson	3915	3925
Textile	730	740
Nanyang	1270	1280
Amal. Rub.	57	58
Rub. Trust	710	720
Taikeo Dock	7015	7025
Really	1075	1085
Star Ferry	100	101
HK Gas	1610	1620
Int'l Inv.	1080	1090
HK & FE	1015	1025
Man. Elec.	214	225
Underwriters	1100	1110
Humphreys	2580	2590
Moran Elec.	1280	1290
Lane Craw	425	435
Cold Mac	50	51
Vibro	2540	2550

* Inclusive of London Stamp Duty charges to buyers.

Most active stocks

New York, Jan. 4.

Ten most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, sales closing, and net changes respectively:

60,974 Gen Electric—73 up 1/4	
61,100 Studebaker Pack—w-1/2 up 1/4	
50,800 Am. Mech. and Fdy—3 1/2 up 1/4	
50,200 Crescent Pet—20 1/2 up 1/4	
52,400 Certain-Tied—23 1/2 up 1/4	
51,500 Amer. Motors—78 1/2 up 1/4	
40,100 Sid. Oil—2 up 3/4	
46,900 Brunswick—8 1/2 up 1/4	
42,900 Beth Steel—42 1/2 up 1/4	
34,300 Gen. Motors—43 up 1/4	

—UPI.

Take-over bid

London, Jan. 4.

Fison, the £40 million fertilizer and chemical giant, are making a £6,750,000 take-over bid for the 151-year-old Evans Medical Group, of Speke, Liverpool, it was reported last night.

Their directors said that they had received a conditional offer from Fisons Ltd., for the whole of the share capital—China Mail Special.

Sugar market

New York, Jan. 4.

World No. 8 sugar futures today closed 1 to 3 points higher with sales of 48 contracts.

World No. 4 sugar futures closed unchanged to 6 points higher with sales of 15 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar closed unchanged with no sales reported.

While world No. 8 contracts were less active than on Tuesday, the market showed continuing firmness as buyers evaluated developments in Laos, China and elsewhere in the international position.

—UPI.

Good prospects for man-made fibres industry

London, Jan. 4.

Britain's man-made fibres industry expects a good year in 1961 and starts out optimistically. In the woven fabric sector 1960's momentum will carry the trade a long way into the New Year.

This was the view of Stuart Douglas, Director of the Man-made Fibres Federation. He said today that retail sales of apparel have risen during the credit squeeze and the weaving trade has stepped up its output.

HOME DEMAND

The car recession had not made any dents on tyre output—the largest outlet for man-made yarn producers—and "any adjustment in 1961 may well be of minor significance."

In a message to the Financial Times, Douglas said home demand was buoyant but exports of piecegoods were unlikely to expand very readily, but 1960 had been a good year for exports of both staple and filament yarns.

Douglas reckoned regions could be expected to increase their share of the bulk apparel trade.

—UPI.

Rise in steel output in UK

London, Jan. 4.

Present plans for the British steel industry envisage an annual steel-making capacity of more than 34 million tons a year by 1965, according to figures contained in a bulletin today from the British Iron and Steel Federation.

This development would involve expenditure of £450 million, the bulletin says, in addition to the £900 million spent since the war.

The bulletin says the British industry will produce about 24.5 million tons of steel in 1960 as compared with 24.2 million tons in 1959, which was a rise of 1 per cent over 1959 production.

During last year, the industry spent about £130 million on plant and development and raised production capacity to nearly 26 million tons. It expects to spend at least £150 million during 1961 to increase crude steel capacity to 27 million tons.

In 1962, Britain will have over 30 million ingot tons of steel capacity, mainly due to the addition of two new strip mills to the existing three.

The bulletin comments that the scale and pace of this development will exceed anything planned for this period on the Continent—China Mail Special.

Largest carrier across Atlantic

Liverpool, Jan. 5.

The Cunard Line said today that it had again in 1960 carried the largest number of people across the Atlantic by sea.

The line's passengers numbered 207,563, which was 23.95 per cent of the grand total carried by all transatlantic lines.

Of the Cunard percentage, its two giant liners, the Queen Elizabeth and Queen Mary, carried about 110,000 people, or 17.28 per cent of the total North Atlantic passenger trade.

Cruises from New York by the Caronia, Mourepia and Britannia took 9,020 people on sun-seeking holidays.—China Mail Special.

Record number of passengers

London, Jan. 4.

British Overseas Airways carried a record 748,900 passengers last year (1960), an increase of 31.4 per cent, the Corporation said today.

The passenger figure for 1959 was 569,945.

The Corporation's fleet of giant Boeing 707 jet airliners came into service during 1960.

—China Mail Special.



Merchant fleets of Red Nations growing rapidly

The Hague, Jan. 4.

The merchant shipping fleets of the Communist countries are growing rapidly, the Royal Netherlands Shipowners Association reports in its annual review published here today.

Airline's revenue traffic rises

An increase in revenue traffic of more than 16 per cent for the past fiscal year is reported by Scandinavian Airlines System.

SAS said a recent board meeting in Oslo had reviewed the company's preliminary financial statement for the budget year October 1, 1959 to September 30, 1960. Final figures are not yet available.

According to the preliminary report, SAS revenue traffic during the year rose by 16.4 per cent to reach 108.2 million ton miles.

The airline's total production amounted to 502.1 ton miles, an increase of 15 per cent in comparison with the preceding year.

A total of 1,553,000 passengers were carried during the year, an increase of 14.2 per cent.

SAS also has "SkyFreight" 42.6 million pounds of cargo and 15.9 million pounds of mail, indicating increases of 27.1 and 18.0 per cent respectively.

The airline's intercontinental routes accounted for 60 per cent of the total production, the European and Middle East network for 28 per cent and Inter-Scandinavian and domestic Scandinavian routes for 12 per cent.

SAS said the first stage of its transition to pure jet operations has now been completed.

All 17 Caravelle jetliners on order have now been delivered and are in operation on European and Middle East routes.

Four Caravelles have been leased to Swissair under the agreement of co-operation between SAS and Swissair.

The seven DC-8 jet transports ordered from Douglas Aircraft Company have also been delivered. They have been introduced on SAS North Atlantic routes and on the Polar System routes to the U.S. West Coast and to the Far East over the North Pole.

Out of the airline's piston-engine fleet, all DC-6s now have been sold and four DC-4Bs have been either sold or leased to other companies. The remaining nine DC-4Bs are likewise to be sold.

Three DC-7Cs have been sold. The remaining aircraft of this type will remain in traffic for some years, as it has been found that continuing utilization will permit additional normal depreciation.

CO-OPERATION

The co-operation between SAS and Swissair, initiated in 1958, has continued to develop favourably.

SAS now handles all technical maintenance of Swissair's DC-8s and Caravelles.

Swissair is preparing, on behalf of both carriers, to receive and handle the passengers of the Conval 900 Concorde—the world's fastest jetliner—which SAS and Swissair will introduce in 1961.

The co-ordination of the two carriers' timetables, continuing, and part of their traffic has been operated as pool routes.

During the past year, SAS also has participated in the organization of a new airline in Thailand, Thai Airways International, Ltd., which during the budget year has had certain development costs. Thai International operations began on May 1, 1960.

Quest Airways, SAS associate carrier in Mexico, has considerably increased its traffic volume, but the economic results have not been favourable.

The SAS participation in Thai International and Quest Airways will in view of the risks involved necessitate certain reserves, which for the past budget year will constitute an economic burden.

The SAS Building in Copenhagen, and part of the Royal Hotel, terminal and SAS sales offices, has been completed.

Final costs have considerably exceeded the original calculations, as the building has been given more floor space than first planned and the standard of the hotel has been raised to make it fully competitive with first class international hotels.

STRONG OFF TO ALGERIA

Paris, Jan. 5.

A powerful French fleet including the 11,000-ton aircraft carrier La Fayette, the 8,270-ton cruiser Colbert, and marine Commandos was heading for Algeria tonight—two days before the start of voting in a crucial referendum on Algeria's future.

In tense Algeria itself, more than 20,000 troops were massed in the Algiers region alone. Paratroops have reinforced riot police in the second largest city of Oran in the west—near where the fleet is due tomorrow "on manoeuvre."

Usually reliable sources said a full regiment of about 100 medium tanks from Rambouillet, near Paris, has arrived at Merselles in southern France.

NOTE OF ANGUISH

Reports of these massive security measures come as General de Gaulle and his Cabinet heard a report from Mr. Louis Joxe, Minister for Algeria, on precautions to ensure public order during the referendum. Voting starts in the Algerian countryside on Friday, and ends on Sunday in the big Algerian towns and in France itself.

Reuters chief correspondent in France, Harold King, reported that a note of anguish characterized the minds of French officials and politicians.

The result of the "yes" or "no" vote at the weekend will give General de Gaulle the green light to press on with setting up a self-governing Algeria—or will lead to his retirement for the second time in order during the referendum, civil war or a military coup—Reuters.

Dag greeted by demonstrators in Congo

Leopoldville, Jan. 4.

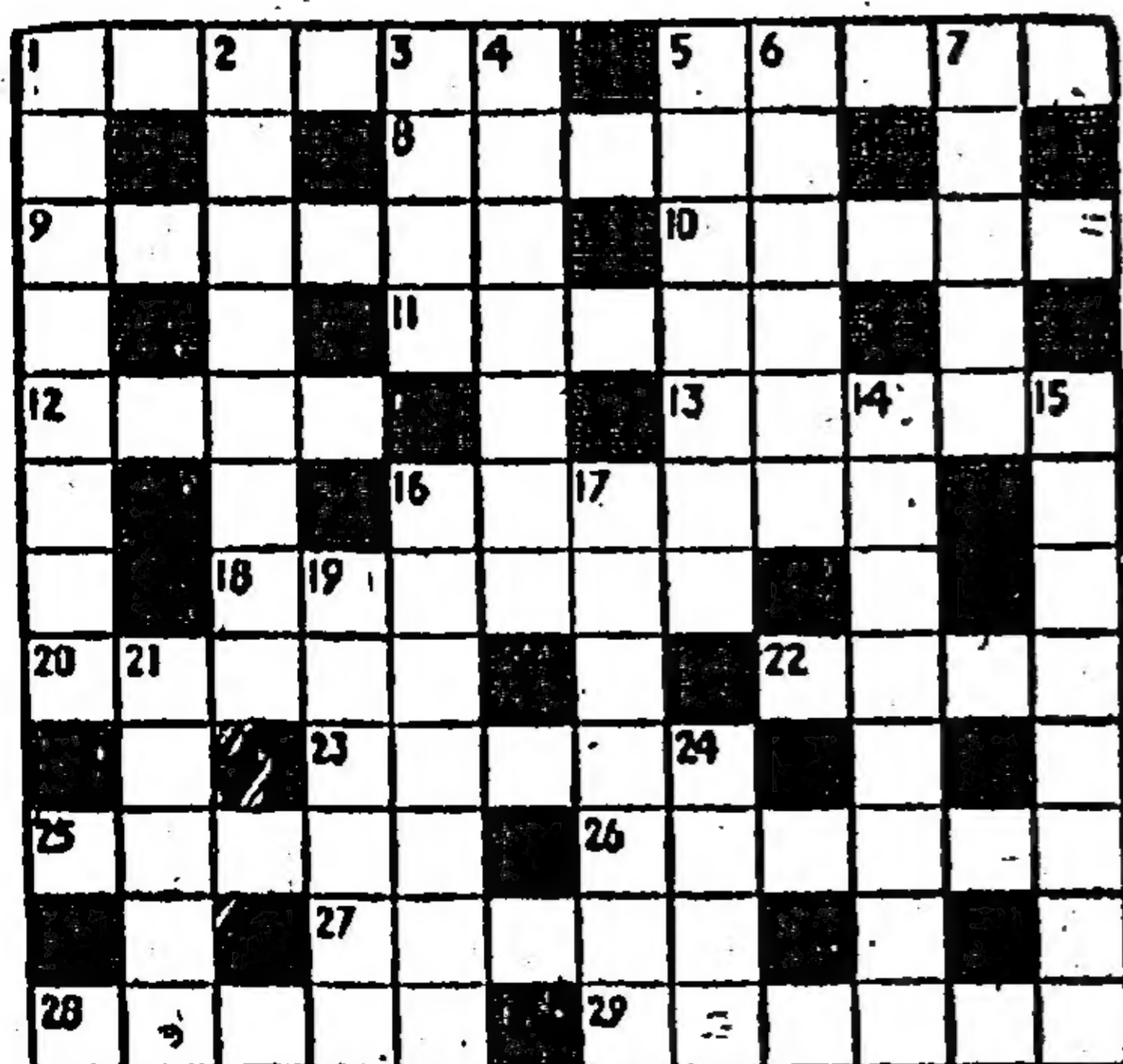
About 200 Congolese demanding the release of Mr. Patrice Lumumba, the first Congolese Prime Minister who is now in prison, greeted Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, the U.N. Secretary-General when he arrived here by air today to study the Congo situation.

Local police intervened when the demonstrators savagely beat up several other Congolese, but United Nations troops took no action.

The crowd became incensed when Mr. Hammarskjöld left without passing them and several were arrested by troops of the Congo "strongman" Colonel Mobutu.

The Secretary-General flew from the airport to the United Nations headquarters by helicopter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Occur. (6)
- 2 Underground traveller? (5)
- 3 Caesar was the noblest. (6)
- 4 Not in any place. (7)
- 5 Thirst quencher? (7)
- 6 Manchester? (6)
- 7 Like a guardman. (6)
- 8 The great maple tree. (8)
- 9 Big or little squirrels. (8)
- 10 Napoleon's spirit. (6)
- 11 Leaves snow. (7)
- 12 Scholar not quite clever? (6)
- 13 The Wise Men of the East. (4)
- 14 Of a certain wood. (6)
- 15 Continued living. (6)
- 16 Cheerful. (6)
- 17 Not outer garments. (5)
- 18 This happy strain? (6)
- 19 Cut off with a shilling? (6)

DOWN

- 1 Hum and ho. (8)
- 2 That of your company? (6)
- 3 Times historians study. (4)
- 4 Not in any place. (7)
- 5 Thirst quencher? (7)
- 6 Manchester? (6)
- 7 Like a guardman. (6)
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YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Asia, 7 Scoot, 8 Tiny, 9 Hero, 10 Arrived, 12 Lion, 13 Tired, 14 Hope, 15 Astar, 16 Where, 17 Otis, 18 Rover, 19 Gibe, 20 Redecore, 21 Sign, 22 Help, 23 Bunt, 24 Yank, Down: 1 Sent, 2 Monitor, 4 Snide, 5 A-Ton, 6 Once, 8 Hero, 11 Viper, 13 Into, 14 Note, 15 Dated, 17 Swire, 18 (psh)fect, 20 Streets, 22 Oven, 24 Organ, 25 Among, 27 Box, 28 Bagg.

Anti-French rally



Over 100,000 people demonstrated in Algiers against France for her policy in Algeria. Hundreds of banners were carried, with such slogans as "Death to France". The rally was attended by members of the Afro-Asian Solidarity Organisation, Russia and Red China sent representatives. Picture shows part of the huge rally in Algiers demonstrating against French policy in Algeria. Many banners proclaimed "Death to France". — Express Photo.

Irish troops rushed to aid Nigerians

Elisabethville, Jan. 4.

About 120 Irish troops of the United Nations force in the Congo were rushed by train today to the rescue of a Nigerian platoon cut off by Baluba rebels 20 miles west of Albertville, in the break-away province of Katanga.

The Balubas were believed to have attacked the Nigerians, but no details were immediately available.

DERAILED TRAIN

A United Nations spokesman said it was not thought that the Nigerians had suffered any casualties.

The Nigerians, believed to number about 40, were in a train which was derailed and overturned yesterday.

Baluba rebels who have been terrorising north Katanga for months cut the track after the derailment to prevent the arrival of United Nations reinforcements.—Reuters.

Irish estate already sold

London, Jan. 4.

Powerscourt, County Wicklow, Irish estate Princess Margaret was reported to be interested in buying, has already been sold to someone else, the agents said here today.

"The contract has not been signed yet but the property is under offer," a spokesman for the agents said.

"We have not been approached by any new purchaser so there does not seem to be any truth in the report that the Princess is interested," he added.—China Mail Special.

NEW STAMPS

London, Jan. 4.

Three special issue stamps commemorating the new constitution, will be released by the British Solomon Islands Protectorate Government on January 19, it was announced here today.

The stamps each depict a portrait of the Queen and a bird in flight.

They are priced at twopences, threepence and ninepence and are coloured green and black, red and black and purple and black respectively.—Reuters.

PICKETS DEBAGGED

Brussels, Jan. 4.

Gendarmes at Estienne-au-Mont, near Mons, south Belgium, were today said to have adopted a novel method of dealing with strike pickets.

Russia continues airlift to Laos rebels

Washington, Jan. 4.

The State Department spokesman, Mr. Joseph Reap, said here today that Russia and North Vietnam were continuing airlifts to Communist rebels in Laos.

Mr. Reap told a Press conference that between 12 and 14 Communist planes from outside Laos had been observed on all-night operations yesterday.

In Vientiane, it was reported that Laotian Government troops had captured a vital road junction between Vientiane and the Royal capital of Luang Prabang from pro-Communist Pathet Lao guerrilla forces.

A radio broadcast said pro-Communist troops supplied by a Soviet airlift had pushed to within 20 miles of Luang Prabang.

According to reports, pro-Western Government troops took control today of Sala Fou Khouang, a mountainous plateau between Vientiane, Luang Prabang and Xieng Khouang. They said columns of rebel troops were marching on the southern provincial capital of Savannakhet and that guerrillas were active around Pakse and along the road leading to South Vietnam.

Savannakhet was once the headquarters of pro-Western General Phoumi Nosavan, whose flight-winged capture of Vientiane early in December.—Reuters and UPI.

Planes check radiation levels after explosion

Idaho Falls, Jan. 4.

Aircraft today checked radiation levels over the Idaho Falls area after a severe explosion at the nearby atomic reactor testing station last night which killed three men.

The Atomic Energy Commission said there was a "high level of radiation in the immediate area of the reactor and reactor building" where the blast occurred and two of the bodies had still not been recovered after 12 hours.

But there appeared to be no danger of any kind to other parts of the station or the surrounding district, and a south-west wind was expected to take any radiation away from populated areas, the A.E.C. said.

Idaho Falls, a city of 34,000 people, is 40 miles from the station.

"BLEW ITS TOP" Radiological experts wearing white protective suits entered the reactor building for brief periods and reported that an experimental reactor in the basement apparently "blew its top."

An A.E.C. spokesman said the explosion was believed to be a chemical one and could have been caused by a reaction between aluminium, components of the reactor and boiling water. The three men fatally injured were the only people on duty in the building at the time of the blast, which occurred at 9 pm. Two were soldiers and the other was a member of the air force.

Anti-sub ship

Britain's newest watchdog

Barrow-in-Furness, Jan. 4.

Britain's latest anti-submarine defence vessel, the 120-ton Tilford was commissioned here in Lancashire yesterday.

The Tilford is designed to detect, locate and destroy submarines in the approaches to home ports.

She will also be used in the training of helicopter crews in sea rescue work and submarine detection.

Helicopters of the British Navy are increasingly being used for the role of locating lurking submarines in home waters.

The Tilford, which has been attached to the reserve fleet in Exeter, is powered by diesel engines which give her a speed of 18 knots. She carries a crew of 19.—China Mail Special.

Chou attends Burma celebrations

Rangoon, Jan. 4.

Burma celebrated its 13th independence anniversary today with a mammoth parade in which Chinese Communist Premier Chou En-lai and a delegation of 400 other prominent Red Chinese participated.

The main attraction drew a crowd of more than 200,000 persons.

Reviewing the past year, President U Win Maung stressed that the main achievement was the signing of the border accord with Red China and the treaty of mutual friendship and non-aggression. He said that this has successfully solved the main problem of misunderstanding between the two countries.

He also stressed the efforts to maintain cordial relations with Pakistan, Thailand, and India with a clear cut, well-defined policy of strict neutrality.—UPI.

'CLOSER TO MY WORK' Holden plans to move to Switzerland

Hollywood, Jan. 4.

Bill Holden plans to make Switzerland his home for a long time to come and not, he says, for a tax dodge.

Says her: "I'm paying more taxes now than I ever have in my career. I'm living in Switzerland for the same reason. A Madison Avenue advertising man gives up his suburban home in Connecticut and moves to New York City."

"I just want to be closer to my work."

Many Hollywood stars have established residence in Switzerland—David Niven, Deborah Kerr, Audrey Hepburn, Yul Brynner and Mel Ferrer and some. But Holden, long a portrayer of the typical American male, has come in for blistering attack.

DEEPLY STUNG

The Hollywood Cameramen's Union, for instance, said it would picket Holden's pictures. This stung Holden deeply, especially when half of Hollywood is either in Europe or Asia making films. None of the others were so criticised.



MR WILLIAM HOLDEN

Holden moved to Switzerland last year because "The World of Suzie Wong" and "The Counterfeit Trail" were made there. "Wong" was shot twice and caused Holden to make two trips around the world to Hong Kong.

"I logged more air miles than most airline pilots," he says. An AP reporter ran into him in Hamburg, Germany, and Copenhagen, Denmark, just two of many European locations for "The Counterfeit Trail." The film, a true-life adventure about an American educated allied spy in World War II, still has unfinished shooting in Stockholm.

"On this picture alone," says Bill, "had I still lived in Toluca Lake in the San Fernando valley, my family wouldn't have seen me in six months."

"My wife (the former actress Brenda Marshall) is with me on location. Our two boys (Wes, 16, and Scott, 13) are in boarding school five minutes from our home in Switzerland."

"When I get a few days off, we're all together after an hour's flight. Even with the jets over the Pole, you can't do that with a home base in Toluca Lake."

Holden did not give up American citizenship, says he never will.

"I can be—and hope I am—just as good an American in the Alps as I could be in the High Sierra."

Holden will make movies in Hollywood if the script calls for it.

"Our business has changed. Europe is no longer 8,000 miles away."

from Hollywood. Hollywood is 8,000 miles from Europe. Do you realise there were more movies made in London and Rome last year than in Hollywood?

"An actor is no different from any other worker. In one respect—we all have to go where the job is."

Swiss residence does not save taxes, Holden argues.

"All my residual payments (including \$50,000 a year for "Bridge on the River Kwai" for the next 10 years) are all taxed in the USA. Uncle Sam still gets 91 cents out of every dollar of that."

"I now have income coming in from a half dozen countries and I'm paying top bracket on all of them. 'Suzie Wong' cost me 96 cents on the dollar in English taxes. 'Counterfeit Trail' cost me taxes in Germany, Denmark and Sweden and its residual payments will cost me in the United States. I also pay Swiss taxes on my residence here."—AP.

Ike will be own Press secretary

Washington, Jan. 4.

President Eisenhower will be his own Press secretary when he leaves office in 16 days time, and he needs no tutoring on how to do the job, according to his present spokesman, Mr. James Hagerty.

Mr. Hagerty declined to tell reporters what he himself would be doing after January 20, but he said: "I have a pretty good idea of what I'm going to do."

Mr. Hagerty outlined President Eisenhower's tentative plans for the period after January 20 when he hands over to President-elect John Kennedy.

After riding with Mr. Kennedy to the capitol and attending the inaugural ceremony, Mr. Eisenhower, a private citizen, will attend a lunch with the present members of his Cabinet.

Later that day he will drive with Mrs. Eisenhower to his farm at Gettysburg in Pennsylvania.—Reuters.

Anti-Ethiopian demonstrations

Djibouti, Jan. 4.

A crowd of several thousand angry Somalis attacked the Ethiopian Embassy in Mogadishu, Somali republic on January 2. It was learned here today.

Poles had intervened to keep them from racking the embassy. Other anti-Ethiopian demonstrations occurred at the same time in Hargeisa, Berbera and Burao in former British Somaliland.

The demonstrations were reprisals for Ethiopian attacks against Somalis in the border area of Ogaden in which 1,000 persons had been reported killed.—AFP.

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'No questions asked'

Britain's trade unions support Belgian strikers

London, Jan. 4.

Britain's Trades Union Congress agreed today to lend the Belgian Federation of Labour (FGTB) up to £50,000 interest free.

The TUC's finance and general purposes committee made the decision after an appeal from the FGTB arising from the current Belgian strike.

Mr George Woodcock, the general secretary of the TUC, said in a broadcast interview tonight that the £50,000 loan had been offered to "a very old ally" and the nature of the strike in Belgium had not been considered.

"Strikes caused distress which ought to be relieved. We did not go into political issues or the cause of the Belgian dispute," he said.—Reuters.

Cat's paw sketches — the latest thing in art

Herford, Jan. 4. Scorning the cat's delight — playing with balls of wool and lengths of string — an ambitious feline here has been developing its artistic bent.

It has been so successful that one of its "sketches" — depicting a circus horse and rider — will be among 77 paintings being exhibited by its owner at Foyles Gallery, London, tomorrow.

The cat "Topsy" is owned by Mr G. Cooper of Herford, an industrial consultant. He explained that the cat playing with a pencil attached to a piece of string quickly sketched what appeared to be the outline of a circus horse and rider.

This is not Topsy's first venture in the art field but it is one of the best. Soo Winkana, a Siamese cat, spurred on by Topsy has also begun to develop an artistic paw but Dr Cooper says she is "still at the beginners stage."—China Mail Special.

IRISH ACTOR DIES

Dublin, Jan. 4.

Irish actor Barry Fitzgerald died in a Dublin hospital after a long illness. He was 72.

Fitzgerald, who was born in Dublin, underwent brain surgery two years ago in St. Patrick's hospital here, and returned periodically since then. The cause of his death was not immediately known.

Last summer, he spent two months in the hospital and then left Ireland for Geneva, Switzerland, where he maintained a home.

Fitzgerald began his career on the Irish stage but gained world fame in Hollywood, playing supporting character roles to Bing Crosby in "Going My Way" and other films.—UPI.

Talks in Moscow

Moscow, Jan. 4.

Talks between Britain and Russia aimed at expanding scientific and cultural co-operation began in Moscow today.

The first closed session lasted about two hours. No communiqué was issued afterwards.—Reuters.

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SATELLITE IS ACCURATE WEATHER FORECASTER

Sydney, Jan. 4.

America's earth-girdling "weather spy" Tiro II had confirmed the prediction for today's widespread rains in New South Wales, and Southern Queensland, Sydney Weather Bureau's acting director, Mr Harold Bond, said today.

"The satellite data has been proved accurate," he said. "Tiro II is still helping us by providing confirmation of information being obtained by conventional means, but the big trouble now is that we're not getting the data quickly enough. The information is beamed to the United States then to Melbourne — and then to us here in Sydney."

Old-fashioned
But Australian long-range forecaster, Mr Lennox Walker, said: "We'll still stick to our old predicting system. No doubt these space aids will be of tremendous help, but can they give a forecast for a particular town, or just a whole area?" He pointed out that giant vortices — up to 100,000 miles in diameter — on the face of the sun, gave what he considered a highly-accurate system of weather prediction. — China Mail Special.

MONEY FOR CONGO FAMINE RELIEF

London, Jan. 4.

Britain is giving a further £5,000 for famine relief in the Congo, a Foreign Office spokesman said here today.

The money is in addition to £5,000 sent by the Oxford Famine Relief Committee to the Congolese Red Cross and to another £5,000 sent by the same committee direct to the United Nations. In August the British Government gave £10,000 worth of food for the Congo.—China Mail Special.

Comics all right, women's magazines 'vicious' says school inspector

London, Jan. 4.

A British school chief inspector advised a conference of women teachers in London — "leave the kids alone to read what they want".

The chief inspector, Mr Percy Wilson, confessed to an audience of assistant school mistresses that he always had a certain children's comic paper under his desk when he was at school. "As long as the best books are there in the library I would risk the comics," Mr Wilson told the teachers.

One woman delegate questioned whether it was worth having free reading periods in the school when comics and women's magazines were brought in by the scholars. "If you try to stop them you are a very unpopular censor," she said.

The chief inspector said he did not mind the comics so much. "Women's magazines I think are much more vicious," he added amid laughter.—China Mail Special.

QUEEN'S MILLINER ONCE BANKRUPT BACK ON TOP

London, Jan. 4.

Aage Thaarup, Danish-born milliner who makes many of the Queen's hats celebrated a comeback yesterday.

Mr Thaarup, 54, whose name appeared in the official London Gazette as a bankrupt in 1955, was listed in the same publication, as a royal warrant holder. This entitles him to display the royal coat of arms with the words "by appointment to Her Majesty the Queen."

Mr Thaarup who re-established himself slowly after bankruptcy forced him to close his premises in the fashionable Mayfair district, said he could hardly believe it when friends telephoned to tell him he had been granted the Royal warrant.

Made hundreds

"I suppose I've made hundreds of hats for the Queen," he said.

Mr Thaarup said his favourite was the black tricorne that the Queen wears each year at the ceremony of the Trooping of the Colour. He made it in 1951.—China Mail Special.

NARROW ESCAPE

Brussels, Jan. 4. A train taking 300 British tourists to Switzerland for the Christmas holiday "narrowly escaped" being derailed by strikers as it was passing through Belgium, Mr Rene Lefevre, Minister of the Interior said tonight.

He was speaking in the Chamber of Deputies during the strike debate.—China Mail Special.

'LULU' CAUSES SCARE

Birmingham, Jan. 4.

A five-hour search for a germ-carrying terrier called Lulu ended here last night when she was found in an alley in the centre of the city half a mile from where she had been lost.

Lulu, a friendly white fox terrier is being used in bacteriological experiments at Edinburgh University and is a carrier of Salmonella infection—a type of food poisoning.

She belongs to a lecturer at the university who is on Christmas holiday here with his parents, and escaped when he got out of his car.

During the search police toured the city in loudspeakers vans warning anyone who might have handled the dog to see a doctor as there was "definite risk" of infection, particularly to children.—China Mail Special.

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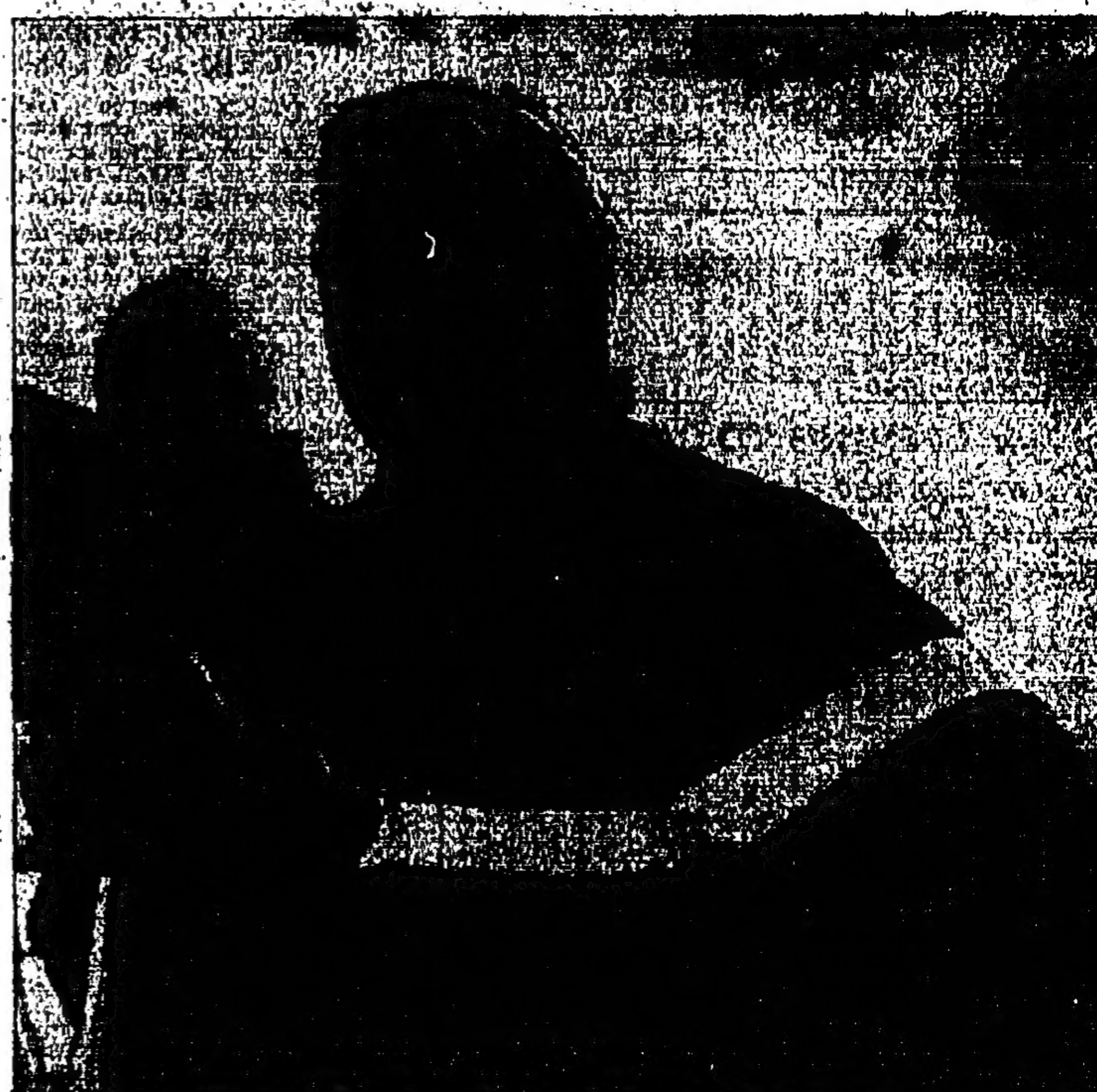


Example of man you might meet this season
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DEEP and crisp and even the snow lies on the slopes of Switzerland... causing tingles of anticipation among Alpine aficionados who, at some glorious moment this winter, will burst out of Bloomsbury bed-sitters or country mansions and head for the boat-train, full of ambitious thoughts. They will spend hours and hours of their winter holiday swooping gracefully about on skis. But there are other attractions at the ski-ing resorts. Especially for the girls. The handsome instructors, for instance. They are often associated with that well-known foreign phrase *apres-ski*....



Admiring pupil listens to instructor Hubert Cretton from Verbier.



Another example... Erwin Zerkel from Grächen.

DO WE REALLY WANT THE ARMY TO BE A JOKE?

THE world position continues to deteriorate. Almost every day there come reports of strikes and revolution from every part of the world.

Who can deny that the old fabric is breaking up, and the Communists are trying to fill the vacuum? What is the British Government's answer to this? How does it move to meet the deteriorating situation? Extraordinary as it may seem, its single ambition seems to be the reduction of our defence forces below the safety line, and to act as if we had won the cold war.

Tension area

How dangerous this policy is can be judged by the fact that while our Army is already stretched to its limit, it will have when the reductions are completed, 70,000 fewer men. In order to realise how serious this is, it is worth examining

WELL, WE'RE GETTING DANGEROUSLY
NEAR IT IF THINGS GO ON LIKE THIS

BY LORD LAMBTON, MP

the forces which we have in the main theatres abroad and see how they can be reduced without endangering by weakness the lives of our serving men.

Let us look first at the MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA, where we have a revolution in Ethiopia, constant tension in Egypt, and the greatest possible uncertainty throughout the Arabian Peninsula. How are our forces dispersed in these areas?

We have to begin with in LIBYA: The Royal Irish Fusiliers; the Black Watch; one battalion Royal Tank Regiment; the Royal Scots. The situation in Libya is particularly delicate. Both the

and throne of King Idris hang in the balance, and any large scale withdrawal of British forces would inevitably be seized upon by Nasser.

Then in KENYA you have not only the Mau Mau, but also the frontier problem with Ethiopia, and the echoes of the Congo blood bath.

None to spare

Here we have an Infantry Brigade HQ, the Coldstream Guards; the Inniskilling Fusiliers; The King's Regiment; and the Staffordshire Regiment.

It is impossible to believe that in this area, at this time, a single soldier can be spared.

At ADEN, where millions of pounds have been expended on the base, we have the Royal Highland Fusiliers; a Royal Artillery battery; Royal Marine Commandos and the 11th Hussars.

It is inconceivable also that this base which is responsible for territories 300 miles apart, can be reduced either. Where then will the axe fall? Our contribution to NATO is already under strain, and any further reduction would weaken our European position. Nor is it possible to reduce our Home Command by enough men to avoid reductions elsewhere.

Could spread

In fact, the more you look at the matter, the more it becomes apparent that it is our intention to reduce our commitments in the FAR EAST. At first sight, our foreign policy that MALAYAN AND SINGAPORE. 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WOMANSENSE

When
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—YOU CAN BET
SHE'S BRITISH

ALWAYS there is one of them in every tough spot. Calm amid the bullets of a revolution; confident during a coup d'état that upbraiding will solve all; importunately telling a riot to go away (and it goes).

A British woman, quietly going on doing her duty. Like Dame Leslie Whateley, grandmother, Girl Guide chief, devoted gardener. She was in Addis Ababa — at a conference on the future role of the African woman — when the revolution broke out.

Dame Leslie saw it her duty to marshal the ladies of the conference back to the safety of their hotel. A rebel tried to put a bullet into her — it missed, went through her skirt. Dame Leslie went on marshalling. All her charges reached safety.

Just the sort of thing she would do," said her son, farmer Raymond Whateley, of Somerset. "When it was all over she remarked, 'What a mess was good as a mile and there we were.'"

The storm

Remember Hannah Stanton, the Hammersmith almoner who found that her work in Pretoria brought her into conflict with Dr. Verwoerd's racial policies? She refused to be deported, suffered weeks of solitary confinement for her principles while an international storm raged about her.

Then there was 35-year-old Josephine Blomfield, the bank manager's daughter from Harrogate, and Doreen Peck, from Reigate, Surrey, at a mission station in the Congo, who braved bands of rioting Bantu warriors to bring help to 300 Africans.

Now from Vientiane, stricken capital of warring Laos, comes news of 43-year-old Miss Phyllis Aldridge, working in a hospital without medical supplies, threatened by typhus, overflowing with wounded.

"Don't worry, am well, working hospital," she cables to her father in Bournemouth. And, of course, there are the nannies, who have seen that the rice pudding gets eaten up, though dynasties crumble about them. No question why Eastern potentates like to employ the unshakable British; their loyalty is unquestioned, their bravery never in doubt.

The murder

Like Nanny Florence Hazeldine, then 60, who escaped from Baghdad after the murder of King Faisal in 1958 with three royal princes, her charges, lying on the floor of the royal car.

When plotters threatened, to whom did King Hussein of Jordan entrust his daughter, Princess Ayla? Why, to Nanny Norah Smith — as British as they come.

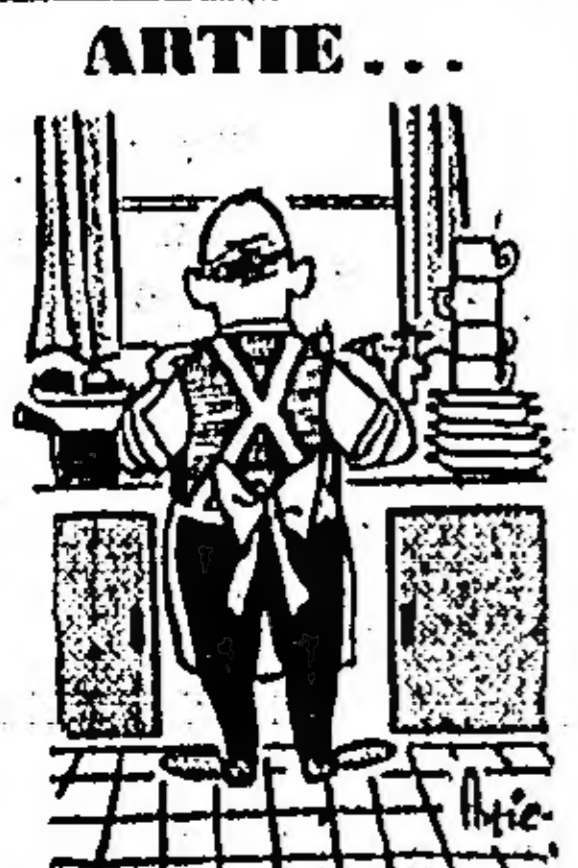
And now from Addis Ababa again comes news of Vera Jary, 40-year-old wife of a British schoolteacher, who has been in charge of the Emperor's two favourite grandchildren.

When the bullets started flying, someone had to set off for the nearby villa with the children. Who took them? Why, British Mrs. Jary.

Just another British woman with an odd, old-fashioned idea about duty.

JOHN
ELLISON

—(London Express Service).



"Read me some more from that bookies called 'A Woman's Place' dear..."
London Express Service.

SHIRLEY LORD

THOSE fascinating party puzzles. Why did she marry him? and Whatever did he see in her? are once more in full swing at all the most social soirées.

When a few clues are provided as there are no rules to break, somebody usually seems to come up with the answers. But what about the puzzle which goes like this: why has she never married?

This is where the gossips are confounded, for whereas one accepts bachelorhood without comment, a single woman has often surrounded herself with a well-knit aura of mystery — particularly if she is beautiful.

Just before 10 and marriageable age I shared a frantic desire with many friends to remain devotedly on the shelf.

Whether the need to rush into matrimony at such a tender age is as acute today, I'm not sure.

She disagrees

I am sure, however that the majority of women prefer marriage to single status, provided the husband is in the fairly reasonable category.

One woman who disagrees with me happens to be one of the most attractive women I know. I suppose she should be, because she is the chief beauty expert at Max Factor in this country — Eve Gardiner.

Eve, at 47, looks at least 17 years younger — not flannel, fact. She has never married and today she's virtually at the top of the beauty tree.

I asked her recently if her ambition had precluded marriage. "Never," she said. "Marriage to the right person would never interfere with a career but for me it's always been of supreme importance to marry my ideal. Marriage just for the sake of it was always out of the question."

"Obviously one isn't as happy unmarried as happily married, but I've found compensations — my work. And as I grow older it seems to get better — like good vintage. I'm harder to please now, enjoy my independence."

Two more bachelor girls, Barbara Shelley and Shirley Anne Field were outspoken about marriage, too.

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HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Don't discard that old egg-beater. It will make a perfect paint mixer for your future paint jobs. The beater does a quick and thorough mixing job.

When cooking or laundry work is going on, shut off the kitchen or laundry to keep steam from the rest of the house. At the same time, open the windows to help circulate air and give ventilation to carry off moisture.

In winter, set house plants in the bath tub for a refreshing clear water spraying of leaves. Such treatment once or twice a month keeps leaves dust free and shiny.

To take the bitter taste out of coffee, add a pinch of salt.

Clean hard-to-remove sediment from the bottoms of bottles or glass vases by filling the vessel half full of warm soapsuds. Then add a handful of carpet tacks. Shake vigorously. The sediment will loosen.

Wheat germ sprinkled on peanut butter sandwiches adds texture and a nuttier flavour. It may also be sprinkled on sweet dessert toppings.

Why oh why are they still single?

"If you get the habit early — even as soon as you leave school — then marriage is all right, otherwise it's hard to lose your independence."

"Relationships are ideal if you love each other and then one always seems to go under — why, I wonder?"

GETTING WITH IT

The latest trend in the beauty and fashion world is one that surprises me. Based on the old adage, if you can't beat 'em, join 'em, the new policy in action now is to ask the beatniks, the Daddys, the Teddy girls and boys what they want and try to produce it. Not, as before, attempt to advise and remodel them.

Miners make-up started this in an attempt to reshape their



EVE GARDINER
(See: She disagrees)

business and capture the faces of the "moderns." They sent their emissary, Marie Lake, into the jazz clubs, coffee bars and dance halls, where she found out that the girls wanted only light to white lipsticks, in long thin cases, with the stick pointed at the end like a pencil.

They wanted, too, an untinted foundation, and told her "We want a hair lacquer."

After a year's research of this type Miners for Moderns was launched, and Freshman, a brother company, came in to make Hatrix aerosol.

"When we started," a director told me, "we thought we were aiming at a small extreme action. Now we realise these products are being snapped up by the younger generation — a never ending market."

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In winter, set house plants in the bath tub for a refreshing clear water spraying of leaves. Such treatment once or twice a month keeps leaves dust free and shiny.

To take the bitter taste out of coffee, add a pinch of salt.

Clean hard-to-remove sediment from the bottoms of bottles or glass vases by filling the vessel half full of warm soapsuds. Then add a handful of carpet tacks. Shake vigorously. The sediment will loosen.

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Earlier this year dress manufacturers Sambo and Mr. Mort and the First Avenue Group of shops decided to be guided by this beatnik taste and give up trying to change it.

Pamela Lewis, who is Margherita Laski's sister, worked a one woman campaign for the two dress firms and at the same time executives at Fifth Avenue were getting to know this vast group of people at close hand.

The answers they received were easy to work on — pretty, but practical materials in stark styles, loose cutaway tops, full lively skirts and short.

Now Fifth Avenue are searching for a full-time fashion consultant in real heart territory — at every dance hall.

—(London Express Service).

THIS TYPE OF PRESS is what the beatniks really want — they said so. It's slick and made in Terylene by Sambo. The man's suit is light linen combined with Terylene for washability.



JACOBY on BRIDGE

NORTH's jump raise to four clubs was the 'exactly correct bid.'

He had too much for a mere single raise and also his hand was most unsuitable for no-trumps. At the same time a jump all the way to five clubs would have been too drastic. After all, South might want to give some sort of belated spade raise, in which case North was already willing to play that suit.

The four-club bid poses a problem to South. Should he merely bid five clubs and settle for game or should he try for a slam?

South decided to try for a slam and naturally asks for aces

NORTH ♠ 11			
♠ AK 10 6 4	♥ 8 7	♦ J	♣ K J 8 3 2
WEST			
♠ J 9 8	♥ Q 7 10 6	♦ K 8 5 3	♣ 10 7
EAST			
♠ Q 6 7 2	♥ A 8 5 4 3	♦ 9 4 2	♣ 6
SOUTH (D)			
♠ 2	♥ K 2	♦ A 10 7 6	♣ Q 5 4
East and West vulnerable			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
6 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead — ♠ Q			

STORIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Mrs. Cuckoo's Story

—It's Called "The Three Steps Of The Tin Soldier"—

By MAX TRELL

AT 12 o'clock every night when everyone in the house was asleep, Mrs. Cuckoo opened the door of her clock-house and invited everyone in the Playroom to come up.

A lot of strange things would happen.

A stairway would appear, leading from the floor of the Playroom to the Cuckoo clock on the wall. The clock itself would grow large and roomy. And Mrs. Cuckoo would sit in a comfortable chair with a shawl around her shoulders and spectacles in front of her eyes and tell stories to all her friends as she knitted.

All who came

Those who came to hear Mrs. Cuckoo were Knarf and Hand the Shadow Children with the Turned-About Nomes, Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, Hlavatha, the Small-Sized Wooden Indian, Mary-Jane, the Rag Doll, Miss Gloria, the beautiful China Doll, Mr. Punch and his wife Judy and, sometimes, though not always (for he was often busy standing on guard at the Playroom door) General Tin, the Tin Soldier.

Now on this particular night, Mrs. Cuckoo told a story which she called "The Three Steps of the Tin Soldier."

"Of course, General," said Mrs. Cuckoo as she smiled at General Tin, "the Tin Soldier I'm going to tell you about isn't you. It was a very small Tin Soldier who lived in a house very far from here. All day long, and all night long, he stood in a corner of the room where he lived — and just stood and stood and stood. And the reason he kept standing was that he couldn't walk."

Made him sad

"Yes," continued Mrs. Cuckoo, "this little Tin Soldier wasn't able to take a single step no matter how hard he tried. It made him very sad, indeed. And I'll tell you why."

Mrs. Cuckoo kept knitting while she told her story. The faster she spoke, the faster she knitted.

"Now the reason the little Tin Soldier was so anxious to walk," Mrs. Cuckoo went on without lifting her head to look at her friends sitting around her, "was that just three feet away from where he was standing, sat a beautiful Doll on the steps of her own Doll house. And all day long, and all night long, too, the beautiful Doll smiled at the little Tin Soldier."

"And the one thing in the world that the little Tin Soldier wanted to do was to walk the three steps that separated him from the beautiful Doll. But this he couldn't do."

Wished for three steps

"So," said Mrs. Cuckoo, "he wished with all his might that someone — a good Fairy, perhaps — would give him three steps — just three steps."

"Please, good Fairy," he kept saying over and over again, "give me three steps. Some folks want golden palaces and beautiful clothes and lots of food. But all I want is three little steps."

"And that night," said Mrs. Cuckoo, "while the little Tin Soldier was standing in his corner, the good Fairy came. She

told him that she had come to grant his wish and give him the three little steps that he wanted in order to walk from his corner to the steps of the private house where the beautiful Doll was waiting.

"The little Tin Soldier was overjoyed," He told the good Fairy that he wanted to take the three steps at once. But the good Fairy answered that before he took the three steps, she would have to tell him where the three steps came from. For the three steps that he was going to take would have to be taken from three children.

From boy and girl

"The first step would be taken from a little Boy who was running. And when the step would be taken away from him, he would fall. The second step would be taken from a little Girl who was walking upstairs and she would trip and fall when the step was taken away from her."

"Well," said the little Tin Soldier to the good Fairy, "I don't like taking the step away from that Boy and that Girl. But I don't think that they will mind very much even if they fall. But who will give me the third step?"

"Then the good Fairy answered that the third step would come from a very small Boy who was just learning how to walk across the room into his Mother's arms."

Stopped talking

Mrs. Cuckoo stopped talking. Then Hand asked the little Tin Soldier to do Mrs. Cuckoo.

"He didn't take the three steps," replied Mrs. Cuckoo. "He stayed right where he was."

All day long, and all night long, too, he and the beautiful Doll kept looking at each other, wishing they could sit next to each other and neither of them moved. But they really didn't mind, because they both knew that somewhere a little Boy would run and not trip, and somewhere a little Girl would walk upstairs and not trip, and somewhere a very little Boy who was just learning how to walk would go across the room and reach his Mother's arms."



Only three steps separated the Tin Soldier from the Doll.

Doll kept looking at each other, wishing they could sit next to each other and neither of them moved. But they really didn't mind, because they both knew that somewhere a little Boy would run and not trip, and somewhere a little Girl would walk upstairs and not trip, and somewhere a very little Boy who was just learning how to walk would go across the room and reach his Mother's arms."

Rupert and the Purple Star—33



Rupert listens to the gruff voices of Black Pedro and his crew, first here, then becoming fainter, and by squirming over he manages to sit up in time to see the men disappearing downhill. While he is wondering what he can do to get free from the ropes he hears another sound, muffled and much nearer. "There's somebody else here," he breathes. After more squirming he is able to kneel up and peer into the darkness of the shelter. "Surely I can see a pair of boots!" he whispers. "There is someone here!"



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Injury to insult!

Vancouver, Jan. 4. Wrestling badman Gene Kinski turned the fight into a more trouble than he expected. He took to whipper Billy Watson of Toronto on Monday night in an event billed as the British Empire Championship, then was stabbed in the side by a knife-wielding spectator as he was about to leave the ring.

The assailant vanished. Blood poured from Kinski's wound and he was taken to hospital for treatment.—AP.

Novices Boxing Competition tomorrow

A Novices Boxing Competition will be held by the Hong Kong Amateur Boxing Association at the Southern Play-ground tomorrow starting at 8 p.m.

All bona fide novices are invited to take part in the contest and are asked to report tomorrow at the Southern Play-ground not later than 6.30 p.m. bringing their own boxing kit with them.

All Service novices taking part in this competition will request permission from their Commanding Officers to do so. The reason for their triumph is the alliance of Irish captain Danny Blanchflower and manager Billy Nicholson.

The resultant style married imagination to common sense and made Spurs believe that there is no slide in the world they cannot beat.

THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

6TH RACE MEETING

Monday 2nd and Saturday 7th January, 1961

(To be held under the Rules of The Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 18 RACES (There will be 10 races on the 1st Day and 8 races on the 2nd Day). On the 1st Day the First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race at 12.00 Noon. The Tiffin interval will be after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.).

On the 2nd Day the First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2.00 p.m.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 10.00 a.m. on the 1st Day and at 11.45 a.m. on the 2nd Day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No person without an Admission Badge will be admitted. Admission Badges must be prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$25.00 each per day are obtainable only on the written introduction of a Member. Admission Badges may be obtained during office hours from the Cash Sweep Offices of the Club at Prince's Building, Ground Floor (facing Statue Square); Club at Prince's Building, Ground Floor (facing Statue Square); 5, D'Aguiar Street, King's Road, North Point and 382 Nathan Road. ADMISSION BADGES WILL NOT BE ON SALE AT THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE AND WILL NOT BE ON SALE AT THE RACE COURSE ON RACE DAYS.

Tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 72811).

Members, Ladies wearing Ladies Brooches, and their Guests must enter the Members Enclosure by the entrance to the Members Stand.

Members wishing to proceed to Club Boxes on the 4th and 5th Floors of the Public Stand must do so from the 2nd Floor of the Members Stand, using the lift or stairs.

Apart from the foregoing, Members, their Ladies, and Members Guests are not permitted to enter the Public Enclosure and Stand.

NO CHILDREN under the age of seventeen years (Western Standard) will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$10.00 each per day payable at the Gate. Admission Badges will be issued and they must be prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

On the 1st Day any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$10.00 in order to gain re-admission with the exception that any person who wishes to leave the Enclosure for lunch and obtain re-admission, must leave and return between the hours of 1.00 p.m. and 3.00 p.m., when they will be re-admitted on production of their Public Stand badge for that day.

On the 2nd Day any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$10.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be available in the RESTAURANT.

CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$20.00 each for the 1st Day, \$16.00 each for the 2nd Day and \$38.00 each for both days may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Prince's Building, Ground Floor (facing Statue Square); 5, D'Aguiar Street and 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon, during office hours.

Tickets are available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 20th December, 1960, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Special Cash Sweep Tickets on the Pearce Memorial Cup scheduled to be run on 4th March, 1961, at \$2.00 each and Cash Sweep Tickets at \$2.00 each for the last race of this meeting may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices of the Club.

The office hours of the Cash Sweep Offices of the Club are as follows:

Prince's Building, Ground Floor (facing Statue Square) and 5, D'Aguiar Street, Hong Kong:

Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday 24th and 25th December 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th December CLOSED

Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th December 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong and 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon:

Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday 24th and 25th December 10 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.

Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th December and Monday 28th January CLOSED

Saturday 29th January 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

MAGIC SPORTING MOMENTS OF 1960

The night they trod on my face

Any story that involves a hard-working reporter getting his typewriter kicked in and his ear trodden on must be accounted memorable... to the reporter, anyway (writes George Whitting).

It was June 20, 1960, a perspiring night in New York's Polo Grounds, and we experts were assembled to see Floyd Patterson take another belting from Ingemar Johansson, the Swede-with-a-swing.

SPURS: 'WE CAN BEAT ALL COMERS'

Spurs overshadowed everything else in football in 1960 (writes Bernard Joy). England's amazing come-back of four wins after the leanest season in history, a new record fee of £255,000 for Dennis Law and a bid by the players for better conditions—all were dwarfed by the emergence of Super Spurs.

Spurs go into the new year with 46 points out of 50 and a lead of 10 points.

The reason for their triumph is the alliance of Irish captain Danny Blanchflower and manager Billy Nicholson.

The resultant style married imagination to common sense and made Spurs believe that there is no slide in the world they cannot beat.

LAST BALL EARNS DOUBLE

For spectacular, exultant glory, no first-class cricket played anywhere in 1960 can match the Australia-West Indies Test tie at Brisbane early last month (writes John Clarke).

But nearer home we had almost as much excitement—the August Bank Holiday Roses battle at Old Trafford, in which Lancashire beat Yorkshire off the last ball to bring off a Roses double.

With two overs to go, Lancashire were still 10 runs short. Off the first, Ryan's, 10 were scored, Clayton getting two boundaries, but Ryan got the important scalp of Grievous.

Six wanted, six balls from Trueman to come, and off his first Clayton scored a single. The next ball bowled Greenough, the next ball bowled Greenough, the next ball bowled Greenough.

For their third meeting promised for 1961, it hesitatingly forecast a DRAW.

IT WAS A SAD DERBY

Most of the year's big racing stories were sad ones. They included Dorothy Page's death and Ali Khan's fatal car crash (writes Peter Scott).

But most sensational was the 1960 Derby. Exchange Student, exercising the day before, and Anger, in the race, were both killed. Fanny was picked by a nail and could not run.

Sir Victor Sassoon won it for the third time in four years with St. Paddy after once believing he had a better prospect in Dark Alley.

Nagle takes 100th Open

United States champion Arnold Palmer, playing ahead of Australian Kel Nagle during the final round of the Centenary Open golf championship at St. Andrews, Scotland, was well placed with a total of 270 (writes John Ingham).

Nagle came to the last hole needing a 4 to win. He hit a perfect drive, and shot No. 2 sailed high over the dreaded "Valley of Sin" to stop along-side the flagstick.

No wonder Nagle's eyes filled. No wonder he missed the simple 3ft. putt for an all-time record.

NOTICE

THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Programmes and Entry Forms for the 7th Race Meeting 1960/61 to be held on Saturday 21st and Saturday 28th January, 1961, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Tuesday, 10th January, 1961.

By Order of the Stewards, A. E. ARNOLD, Secretary.

NOTICE

THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

6th Race Meeting 1960/61

Owners are reminded that Declarations of starters and riders for the Second Day close at the Secretary's Office, Happy Valley, at 10.00 a.m. on—

Friday, 6th January, 1961

By Order of the Stewards, A. E. ARNOLD, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 4th Jan., 1961.

REPLY TO WORRELL'S CRITICISM 'Sydney pitch for third Test will be first-class'

Sydney, Jan. 4. Athol Watkins, Curator of the Sydney Cricket Ground, said here tonight that the pitch for the third Test between Australia and West Indies would be "first-class."

He was replying to criticism of the Sydney wicket by Frank Worrell, the West Indies captain, who had described it as "the worst we've played on in Australia."

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SECOND ROUND HOLLAND CUP MATCHES HIGHLIGHT HOCKEY WEEKEND

By NUMPERE

Apart from rearranged fixtures for clubs already out of the running for Championship honours League Hockey gives way to the second round Holland Cup matches on Sunday.

With RAF, Navy Bharat 'A', Army 'B' and the winners of the first round replay between Army 'C' and Recreo 'A' having drawn byes in this round, this leaves four ties and the replay to be decided.

The replay between Army 'C' and Recreo should prove an exciting encounter. In the original tie which ended in a 1-1 draw Recreo were holding three reserves whilst Army 'C' had to bring in a last minute substitute at centre-forward.

If Recreo skipper Danny Castro is still unfit then I think the Army still have a chance but it will probably prove a close thing with Recreo going through to the third round.

The best match of the second round should be that between IRC 'A' and KCC 'A' at Soekunpo. This could develop into quite a needle match but with umpires P. Xavier and K. Lall in charge, the game will be under strict control.

It could go either way, but I fancy KCC to go through although a replay may be necessary.

Macanensis 'A' are at home to Prisons and should go a step further in their bid for a League and Cup double.

Recreo 'B' vs KCC 'B' should also prove a close encounter and KCC may upset the First Division side.

Cup-holders Army 'A' meet HKHO 'A' at Soekunpo. Club are a big, strong side and it will be no pushover for this Army but their ability to play 70 minutes fast hockey should see them through.

Second Division There are three rearranged Second Division fixtures, two in Section 'A' and one in Section 'B'.

In Section 'A' Lions are home to Rangers and should improve on their showing earlier in the season when they lost 4-0 but Rangers will probably get one point at least.

HKHC 'B' at home to Army 'B' will find the going hard and Army 'B' should win comfortably.

In Section 'B' the IRC 'B' vs RAF match has been brought forward from January 22 as the RAF will then be visiting Singapore for the FEAF Championships.

IRC probably still remember their 16-0 thrashing earlier in the season, but on that occasion they could only field eight players. This time the result should be a little closer but the RAF should still win comfortably.

Ladies' League In the Ladies Division last weekend's rearranged matches brought the fixture list up to date, all clubs now having played nine matches. Recreo are out of their own having won all their matches, with KGV 'A' in second place, three points behind, separated from Gremlins 'A' in third place by only one point.

There is a full programme scheduled for Saturday and the three top teams should retain their positions. Recreo should have the hardest game against KCC but both KGV 'A' and Gremlins 'A' should have easy passages against Victorians and St. Georges respectively.

In the other match Gremlins 'B' should take both points against KGV 'B'.

Weekend fixtures SATURDAY Ladies' Division Victorians vs KGV 'A' at Happy Valley, 2.30 p.m. Umpires: M. Caswell, H. C. W. Crooks.

Gremlins 'B' vs KGV 'B' at Happy Valley, 4 p.m. Umpires: F. Van Dongen, M. Caswell.

Gremlins 'A' vs St. Georges at King's Park, 2.30 p.m. Umpires: A. Van der Sluis, J. Marcel.

Recreo vs KCC at King's Park, 4 p.m. Umpires: A. Van der Sluis, F. Soares.

SUNDAY Holland Cup First round replay Army 'C' vs Recreo 'A' at Soekunpo, 4 p.m. Umpires: C. Blackburn, W. Matthews.

Second round Macanensis 'A' vs Prisons at King's Park, 11.30 a.m. Umpires: L. Gutierrez, J. Marcel.

IRC vs KCC 'A' at Soekunpo, 11.30 a.m. Umpires: P. Xavier, K. Lall.

Recreo 'B' vs KCC 'B' at Recreo, 11.30 a.m. Umpires: Y. Khan, A. Cunha.

Army 'A' vs HKHC 'A' at Soekunpo, 2.30 p.m. Umpires: C. Blackburn, K. M. Hussain.

Men's League Section 'A' Lions vs Rangers at KGV, 11.30 a.m. Umpires: J. K. Fellows, G. Evans.

HKHC 'B' vs Army 'B' at Happy Valley, 2.30 p.m. Umpires: D. G. Welling, H. Garton.

Second Division Section 'B' IRC 'B' vs RAF at Soekunpo, 6.45 a.m. Umpires: K. Lall, A. Aziz.

Triple feature at Albert Hall

London, Jan. 4. Britain's three champion boxers will all have Italian opponents in the triple Championships' Boxing Meeting to be held at the Royal Albert Hall here on Jan. 31.

But no titles will be at stake. Boxing promoter Jack Solomons announced today that Brian Curvis the Welsh holder of the British and Empire welterweight titles fights Rino Borra; Freddie Gilroy, Northern Ireland's holder of the European, British and Empire bantamweight titles, fights Ugo Milani and John Caldwell, Northern Ireland's holder of the British flyweight title, fights Engelo Rampin.—APF.

Canterbury almost assured of winning Plunket Shield

Christchurch, Jan. 4. Canterbury beat Central Districts by nine wickets here today to place themselves in a virtually unbeatable position in this season's Plunket Shield Cricket Championship.

In the other Shield match which ended today Otago defeated Auckland by 50 runs at Auckland.

The position at the top of the table now reads: Canterbury, 30 points from three matches; Otago, 13 points from three matches; Wellington, 10 points from two matches; Auckland, 10 points from two matches.

Central Districts, 10 points from three matches; Northern Districts, 60 points from one match. Details of matches completed today were:

At Christchurch: Canterbury 338 and 116 for one (G. Dowling 53 not out) beat Central Districts 288 (G. Lowmans 100 and 157 by nine wickets).

At Auckland: Otago 269 for nine declared (B. Sutcliffe 89) and 94 (L. Clark 4-10) beat Auckland 147 (A. Moir 6-53) and 100 (A. Moir 6-53) by 50 runs.—China Mail Special.

Stirling Moss and sister in same race

London, Jan. 4. For the first time Britain's ace racing driver Stirling Moss and his sister Pat are to compete in the same race.

Pat, who is a veteran European Automobile Rally champion driver, took up truck racing for the first time late last year.

Rally driver Mr John Sprinzel announced today that he has signed them up to drive Hesley Scories at Sebring, Florida, in America's first of the World Sports Car Championships next March.—APF.

Sports Diary

TODAY Badminton Closing date for Colony Schools championships.

Men's 'C' Doubles: St Stephen's v Ingle Club.

Men's 'B' Doubles: C.C. v Chung Chung, KCC v St Stephen's.

THE GAMBOLS

JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH

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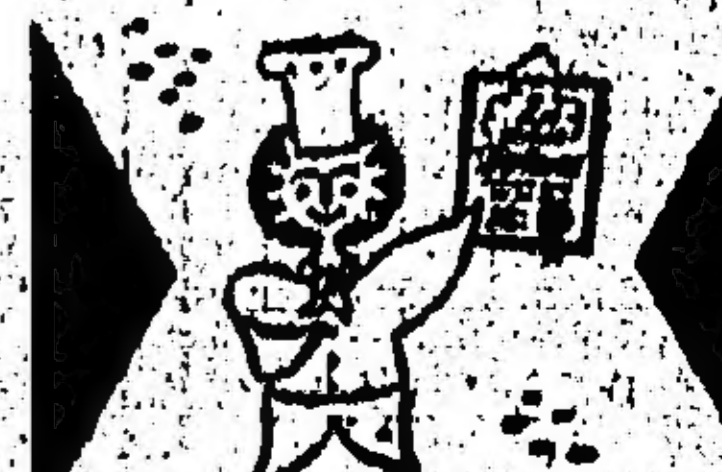
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GAS IS TOPS



SAYS MR. THERM

K.O. PUNCH!

'It's revenge I want' said Joe Louis

The crowd, jammed into the Yankee Stadium, New York, on that humid night in June, had boiled up from the subways in great spouting gushers of humanity. They had come from the four corners of the earth, from the 48 States by sea, and land, and from the throbbing heart of the big city itself by cab and gleaming automobiles.

Now, munching hot dogs and gulping down bottles of pop, they waited, outwardly grinning and viscerally gripping by the same old atavistic urge—the urge, both compulsive and intoxicating, which makes people pay more than a million dollars to see two men batter each other into insensibility with 8-oz. gloves.

And for just over two minutes on that night of June 22, 1938, terror was unleashed under the blistering floodlights of the stadium.

THE MEMORY

For exactly two minutes and four seconds those 80,000 spectators watched, at first in petrified awe and then amid a howling snarl of sound, as Joe Louis, heavyweight champion of the world, swept down on Max Schmeling of Germany like a dark avenger.

It was as diabolical as it was frightening. Right before their eyes the crowd could see the thin veneer of civilized men peeling off.

Taut with horror, they watched the Brown Bomber from Detroit become a savage whose gigantic, pounding fists clouded the German's head this way and that as if it was a leather punch ball.

"It's revenge I'm after," the usually placid Louis had snarled shortly before the fight.

For still searing through the young Negro's mind like a painful burn was only 22 years the humbling memory of his first fight with Max Schmeling two years previously, when the German had knocked out Louis, then unbeaten, in 12 amazing rounds.

Schmeling, a contemptuous smile playing about his lips, had done fearful things to Joe Louis that first time.

Using his cocked right hand like a poleaxe, the German had smashed Louis to the canvas in the fourth round, smashed him again after the bell had gone at the end of the fifth round, and then, with a tremendous leaping right, smashed the coloured fighter to the floor for the final count.

It was the ring upset of the decade, and back in Nazi Germany, Max Schmeling, the boxer the Yanks had labelled The Black Uhlán, became the hero of the goose-stepping stormtroopers.

BOTTLED ANGER

He was the Aryan answer to the challenge of "inferior races" like Jews and Negroes; the incontrovertible proof—if proof were needed—that the Germans were the master breed.

But Schmeling, after being hailed by the Nazis and acclaimed by Hitler, could not let his triumph rest there.

He began to slight and scorn the man he had conquered. Schmeling taunted the Negro and, by implication, his people.

The German called Louis "an amateur—a fighter who goes to pieces when he is hit." And, suddenly, across the Atlantic, from New York to Berlin, hatred flamed, naked and raw.

For Louis, now the world heavyweight champion in American eyes after a thundering victory over the holder, James J. Braddock, remembered how he had been hit by Schmeling, the Nazi hero, after the bell—how he and his race had been mocked and jibed at and how—and this was the deadly insult—the arrogant Schmeling had said he couldn't take a punch.

All this bottled anger, all this deep-amouldering resentment fused and crackled in Joe Louis on that hot June night in 1938 when he fought Max Schmeling again, when, at the sound of the bell, he catapulted from his corner, his dark eyes alight with hate, his round moon face shrivelled and vicious with anger.

"Revenge, that's what I want," Schmeling, shocked by the pulverising effect of Louis' two-die punch, had time to throw only one punch, a whim-

ing right-hander. Then the brown tornado was upon him. Back, back, under that storm of punches until the ropes bit into his sunburned shoulders, went the German.

Enormous, swelling with rage and wounded pride, Louis towered over him. Crunch, a short, shuddering, six-inch hook thudded on Schmeling's stubby jaw.

Spun and stunned by the brute power of the blow, Schmeling alighted round helplessly until his chin was



JOE LOUIS

resting on the top rope, and his broad back was half-turned towards his tormentor.

There was a horrified gasp from the ring-siders, a whistling intake of breath from the thousands throughout the vast stadium, as they waited for the next punch to smash Schmeling's face to a pulp; to jerk his black-poll head back from his shoulders as if an axe had been laid to it.

But Louis had shifted his fire. In his devouring hate he had seen the opening.

Taking deadly aim, he sent a crushing right to the German's left kidney.

There was an appalling scream. A plunging cry which lanced through the night. It was Max Schmeling, shrieking as if he had been pierced in the side by a red-hot spear.

For this was the killer punch the one chilling, super-human blow which led to Schmeling's knock-out.

CROWD AFRAID

It was the blow which not only fractured one of the vertebrae in the German's spine, but put him between hospital sheets. It was the blow, ghastly and terrible, which sent the crowd holding on to their seats in terror, then rising to their feet and yelling.

Schmeling—his face scrowed with pain or was it fear?—stood rooted where he stood, as if chained to the canvas.

He couldn't move. He couldn't lift his gloves. He couldn't even escape from his bondage of pain and punishment by dropping to his knees and taking a voluntary count. He could do nothing but take it.

Many of the spectators, indeed, were afraid he would be killed by the black hammer fists of Louis. The more nervous turned their heads away.

For, as Joe Louis was to say later on during his long and unparalleled reign as heavyweight world champion: "They can run but they can't hide."

Max Schmeling certainly couldn't hide. Reality in the shape of the Brown Bomber had finally caught up with him.

All Yankee Stadium was aflame now. Another staggering right and Schmeling was comprehensively down. A final on the chin.

Disaster came in two minutes to Max Schmeling, the man who promised Hitler that he would win. He had forgotten the hate of the Negro he had scorned.

by ALAN HOBY

Joe Louis

The German took a count of three and then, with incredible courage, crawled to his feet to walk straight into another short, murderous right-hander. This had him hugging the canvas in utter hopelessness.

Yet, somehow, despite the fact which clocked and clogged his brain, the man who had promised Adolf Hitler he would win, rose once more on wobbling legs, his eyes dulled by the hiding he had taken.

Louis, who had shuffled to a neutral corner, stormed across the ring. For the third time that clobbering right swept over.

As he flung it Louis' thick lips were pulled back from his teeth. This was it—the coup de grace—and down went Schmeling like a felled tree.

The German's sturdy legs shot abjectly into the air under the force of his fall. He lay on the canvas, twitching and broken.

SURRENDER

The timekeeper had begun to call the count but, when it reached "eight," a white towel came fluttering in from Schmeling's corner.

Arthur Donovan, the referee, picked up the towel and flung it across the middle strand of a green velvet covering on the ring rope.

For in New York this sign of surrender from a corner has never been recognised.

Then Donovan, having chucked the towel away, stepped forward and, amid a deafening hubbub, stopped the legalised slaughter. It was all over.

The bitterest "arid fight of the century" had turned out to be one of the most lopsided encounters ever seen in the professional prize ring.

It had ended with one of the two principals being taken from the ring to hospital, and from hospital to the ship which eventually carried him home to an ungracious and ungrateful father.

And it ended with the winner untouched and with scarcely a single bead of sweat on his brow.

Afterwards, when he had begun to recover his wits, Schmeling claimed he had been fouled.

NO FOUL

But Louis, a broad, satisfied beam from once crenching his light brown features, countered: "I did not think it was a foul. That guy is always yelling 'Foul!'"

Never again, however, were the American fight fans to see sleepy-eyed, impassive Joseph Louis Barrow, born in southern Alabama, the seventh of eight children, in such cruel mood.

He defended his championship—25 times—more often than any other world heavyweight title-holder.

In his first two years he fought 26 times, winning 22 by the knock-out, and the remaining four on points.

He earned close on £100,000 in the ring—most of it was eaten away by the tax collector—and was undefeated champion for 12 years.

Altogether he was so good that when he beat Buddy Baer, brother of Max, for the second time, the latter remarked after regaining consciousness:—

"Sure I'll fight him again— if you give me a baseball bat."

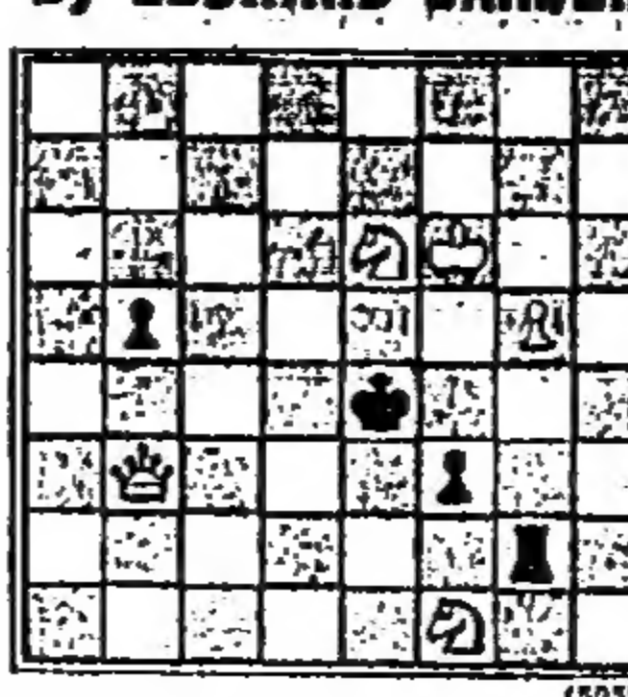
And Max Schmeling?

He had one more fight in 1939 before serving as a paratrooper during the war. He returned to the ring in 1947 and had five fights before retiring in 1948. He now has a milk farm and soft-drink factory near Hamburg.

NEXT WEEK: The wild man who smashed a champion.

CHESS

By LEONARD BARDEN



Here is a problem by T. King-Parks (Chess Amateur, 1912). White to play and mate in two moves.

Solution No. 5954: 1 QxP ch, R-K8; 2 R-K8 ch, R-B1; 3 R-K8 ch, K-R8; 4 R-K8 mate.

London Express Service.

INTERNATIONAL RUGBY PREVIEW

England can halt mighty Springboks

London.

Two special factors make England's clash with the Springboks at Twickenham on Saturday an international of fascinating interest: the belief that England has the best chance of becoming the first country to halt the mighty South Africans in Britain since Scotland in 1906, and the controversial return of Bey Risman at fly-half.

Last season, for the first time in the history of international Rugby, England fielded an unchanged side. They emerged undefeated, sharing the International Championship with France, the 1959 winners.

By JOHN COTTRELL

Now there are only three changes, only one in the pack which was so successful in repelling the fiery French forwards from launching movements from the scrum and line-out.

Risman or Sharp?—this is the most controversial question in English Rugby for many years. It is not merely a question of individual skill but of two opposite kinds of play.

Richard Sharp gained his first England cap last season when Risman was injured. He was voted the player of the year, hailed as one of the greatest try-makers ever. Certainly, his attacking genius played a vital part in England's winning the Triple Crown.

A little genius

Similarly, Bey Risman, son of Rugby League's immortal Gus was welcomed as the discovery of the year in 1959. But was his method of play partly responsible for England's failure to score a single try that season?

Sharp supporters believe so. They argue that their blind Cornish idol is more constructive in attack, faster than Risman, and brilliant at the outside-break.

Risman, in contrast, is sturdier, stronger in defence, and brilliant at the inside-break. My own preference is, and always has been, for Risman who displayed rather better form in the second England trial.

I contend that England failed to score in 1959 only because he was not given adequate support by the backs. There was no lack of scoring when Risman played superbly on the following

On the wings, England will again be served by international sprinter John Young, brilliant in the trials, and the big, strong-running Jim Roberts. Alas, even if he had caught the selectors' eyes, the great Peter Jackson is not available because of business commitments.

Steady Don Rutherford, at full-back, completes a behind-the-scrum line-up which, defensively, will surely be the toughest side the Springboks have to meet.

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Well-matched

This time, the two countries look superbly well-matched. The Springboks have a magnificent pack and, as they showed with dummy scissors against Combined Services recently, they are far from being devoid of ideas behind the scrum.

It should be a close result. Yet I gamble on England because they are superior in one department—goal-kicking. Rutherford and Risman are two accurate place-kickers. If the Springboks had such a man they would not have needed a last-minute pushover try to defeat the Irish in Dublin.

Whether we like it or not, the fact can so often decide the result in what is essentially a handling game. It may do so again at Twickenham on Saturday.

One forecast can be safely made about the game: it will attract a capacity crowd of 70,000 to the headquarters of Rugby Union.

Never before have there so many applications for the three international matches at Twickenham; the visit of the South Africans has so fired the public imagination that thousands of pounds in ticket money has had to be returned.

Notts interested in Graveney

London, Jan. 4.

Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club have made no official approach to Tom Graveney, the departed Gloucestershire captain who wants to leave the county, but they are keenly interested in his future.

It might be that they view him as a successor to the captaincy for no new leader has been appointed since the retirement of Test cricketer H. T. Simpson at the end of last summer.

Mr. R. M. Poulton, the Nottinghamshire secretary, said today at the moment nothing can be done.

"We are of course watching the position very carefully," he said. "Should Graveney obtain his release from Gloucestershire that would free us to act and every effort would be made to bring him to Nottinghamshire. He would be a very valuable acquisition for us."—A.P.

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BY MADDOCKS



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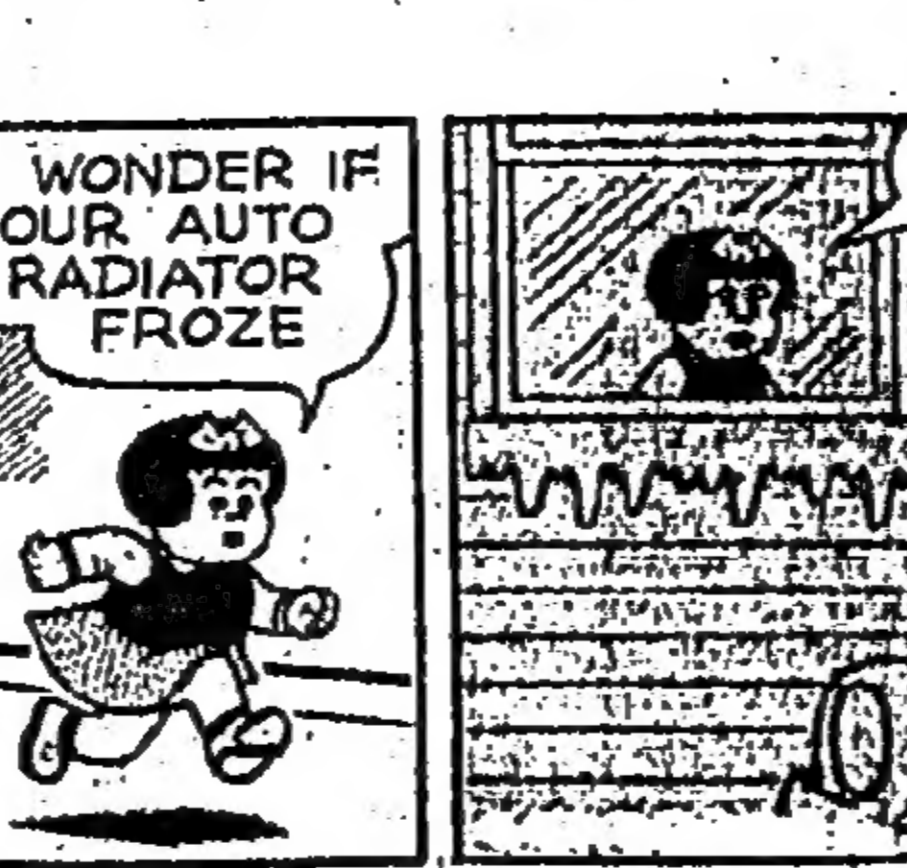
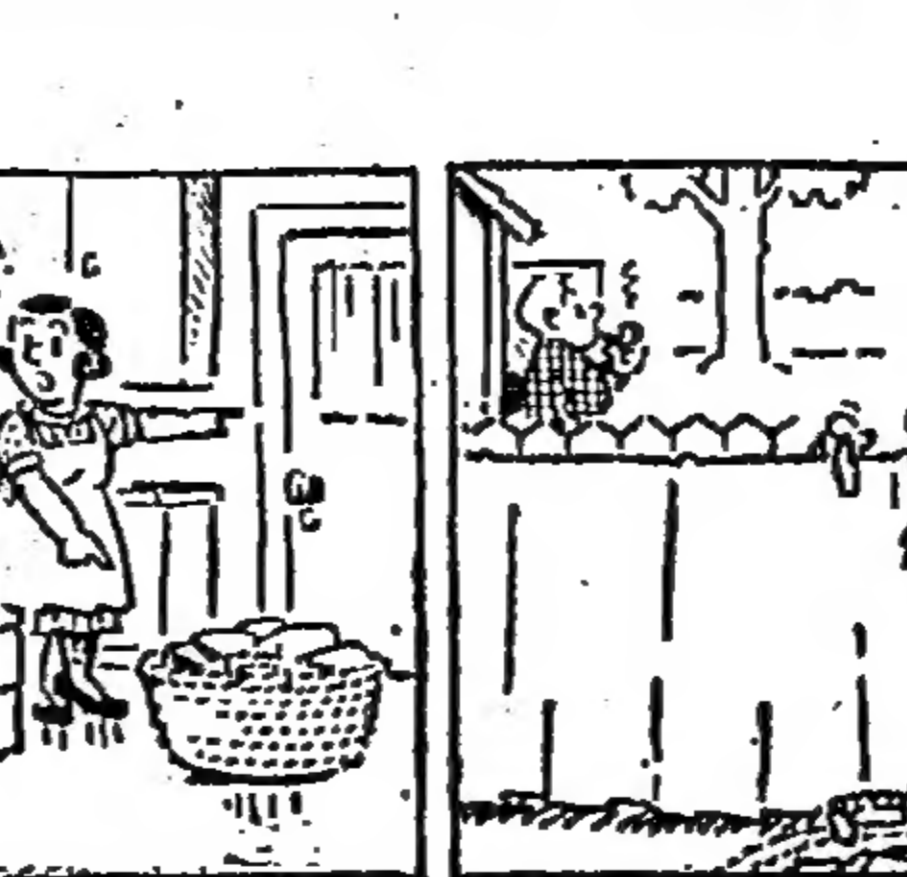


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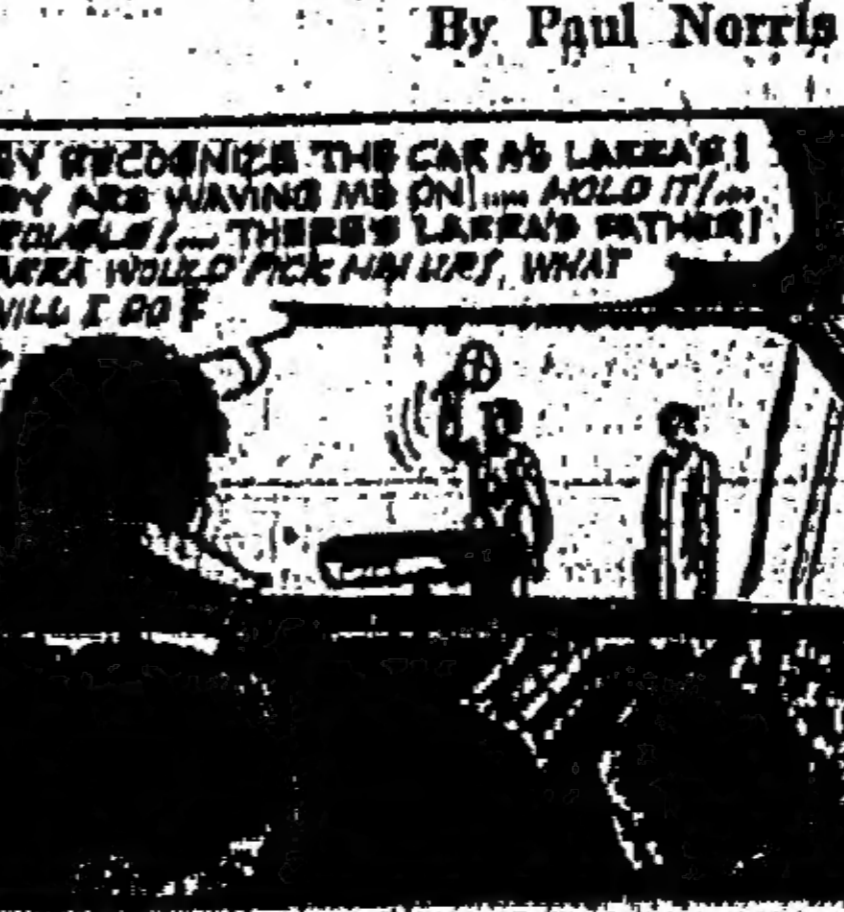
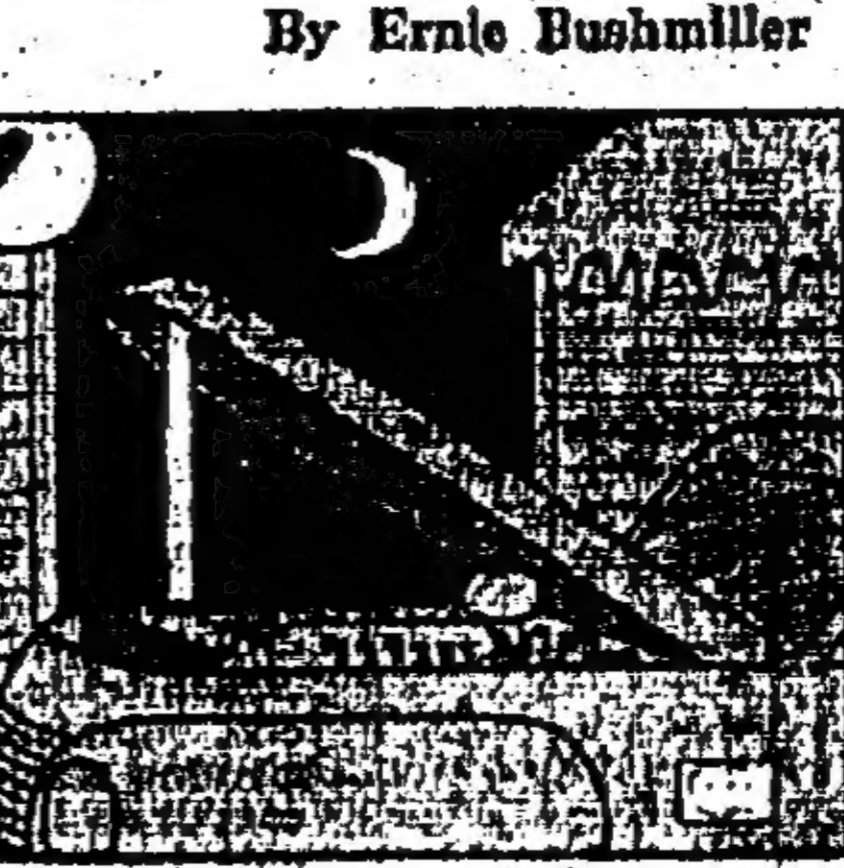
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JILTED BOYFRIEND KNIFED GIRL WHO GOSSIPED

A man who was taken ill with tuberculosis struck his former girlfriend on the nose with a pen knife because she told people of his illness.

This was revealed in Central Magistrate's Court this morning when Wong King-chee, 24, of 437 "B" block, Shek Kip Wai resettlement area was charged with malicious wounding.

He was sentenced to six months.

Outside theatre
 Police Detective Inspector W. R. J. Beall told the court that the incident took place outside the "Tal Ping Theatre" in Queen's-road West on Tuesday night.

The girl was Cheung Yuk-chun. Once she used to be Wong's girl friend. But on Tuesday night she was with another man.

When Wong saw her he began arguing with her, then he struck her on the nose with a penknife and ran away.

Very well
 Wong told the court that he had been getting on very well with his girl friend before entering the jail last March to be treated for tuberculosis.

When he came out on December 12, he went to work as a tailor. He learned from fellow workers that the girl had been telling people about his sickness.

He struck the girl partly because he did not want people to know about his illness and partly because he had been jilted.

Man tells court in heroin case Paid \$600 to look after ground floor

A man accused of manufacturing heroin told the Criminal Sessions today that he had been paid \$600 a month just to look after the ground floor of a house where the drug is alleged to have been made.

The man, Hui Yick-ho, said that he had never seen inside any of the first floor rooms of the house, 10 Shouson Hill-road, where the manufacturing is alleged to have been done.

Hui told the court that a man called Siu Chai-ye had employed him and paid him his salary.

He said that Siu had promised to find him a permanent job, and meanwhile he was to be temporary caretaker of the house.

Order
 But Siu had ordered him never to go to the first floor. In reply to a question from Mr. Justice W. A. Blair-Kerr, Hui said that Siu lived in Macao.

Another defendant, Chan King, said that he had been employed by Siu Chai-ye as a driver.

He had met him in June last year in Macao. Chan said that he often drove Siu Chai-ye and another man known as Siu Kwah to 10 Shouson Hill-road.

On October 7, when police raided the house, Siu Kwah had been at the premises, but had left before the raid.

Ether bottle
 Asked how his fingerprints came to be on a bottle of ether seized in the house, Chan said that he had handed it to Siu Chai-ye in the car.

He said his fingerprints could have got on a cigarette tin also seized in the raid when he took a cigarette from it the previous day.

Chan also denied that he had ever been inside any of the first floor rooms.

Mr. H. H. B. How is counsel for the defence, with Mr. H. Hobson, Crown Counsel, prosecuting. Hearing is continuing.

Fined for hitting mother-in-law

A 28-year-old housewife, Yeung Wai-chun, of No. 1 Yu Kam Terrace, basement, was fined \$40 and bound over in 1200 for a year by Mr. D. Conn at Central Court this morning for assaulting her mother-in-law.

Yeung pleaded guilty to a charge of common assault.

She assaulted her 68-year-old mother-in-law with a piece of broken bowl in a quarrel over rice yesterday, said Sub-Inspector Ip Tai-yau.

TRIED TO STOP SON MARRYING

A woman who wanted to stop her 18-year-old adopted son from getting married, phoned up the police and told them he had stolen \$1,000 from her.

This was stated in court this morning when 40-year-old housewife Ng Kam-pin of 301-315 Flat "A" Majestic Apartments, King's-road, pleaded guilty to making a false report to police.

She was fined \$100 by Mr. T. L. Yang at Causeway Bay Court today.

Earlier the woman said she had refused her son permission to marry.

"T" model motoring
 "Motoring Magazine" over Radio Hongkong at 8.30 tonight takes you back to the days when "T" model Fords were all the rage—Tim Birch, Bob Harper and Hector Chauvin tell you about the 1915 model imported into Hongkong recently and which still cruises comfortably at 30 mph.

TRIED TO PASS ON BEND—HE CRASHED

A New Territories villager driving a goods lorry tried to pass an Army vehicle on a bend at high speed on the Castle Peak road, but his lorry went out of control, turned over and crashed 60 feet down a cliff.

This was revealed when Cheung Kwok-wah of 34 Ket Yueung village, Yuen Long was fined \$100 at North Kowloon Court this morning for careless driving.

Cheung and a passenger were slightly injured in the mishap the court was told.

He pleaded guilty and had his licence endorsed.

The incident occurred at the 14-mile stone on December 6. Mr. T. C. Chan sentenced Cheung.

PAID \$1,250 FOR BIRTH CERTIFICATE

A man who bought a Hongkong birth certificate from a cloneman for \$1,250, had to pay out another \$600 today when he was convicted on a charge of making a false statement in his application for a British passport.

He was Chang Chung-pun, 24-year-old unemployed of 239 Des Voeux-road.

He applied in August, 1959 for a British passport. The next year his application to live in Jamaica was refused.

Questioned on January 3, 1961, he admitted using the certificate belonging to his clansman.

He was sentenced by Mr. T. L. Yang at Causeway Bay Court.

Pickpocket's plea to policeman

When a pickpocket was caught by a policeman, he said to him "Brother, please let me off this time. I have children at home."

Before Judge B. J. Jennings in the Victoria District Court this morning, the man, Tsang Kwong-lam, 35, with a record of 22 previous convictions, admitted a charge of theft and was sentenced to two years. He was also ordered to be placed under police supervision for two years after he had served the sentence.

Judge Jennings also commended the officer, PC Chow Cho-yin, of Shamshuipo Police Station, who arrested Tsang while he was off duty and in civilian clothes.

Stole pen

Chief Inspector Charles Smith told the court that PC Chow was walking in Des Voeux-road, Central, on the afternoon of December 28, last year, when he noticed the accused approach an Indian and steal a fountain pen from him.

As PC Chow walked towards the accused, accused ran. He was arrested near the Man Yee building after a short chase.

When they returned to the scene of theft, the Indian had gone. Police had since failed to trace him despite an advertisement in the newspapers looking for him, Inspector Smith said.

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STOLE FROM HIS SISTER

A 24-year-old unemployed man, Tsang Kwong-fai, who stole from his own sister, was sentenced to seven months' jail by Mr. I. M. S. Donnell at North Kowloon Court this morning.

The defendant pleaded guilty to eight charges of simple larceny. The total value of the articles involved was \$489.

Sub-Inspector G. M. Donnell said that between Dec. 10 and Dec. 19 last year Tsang went to his sister's house at 15 Talpo-road, 9th floor, where he stole numerous articles including a gold necklace, an electric fan, a pair of spectacles, a cotton quilt, and other personal property.

He then pawned them for a total value of \$227.

His sister, Tsang Mo-kuen, reported the theft to the police on Dec. 20 when she discovered that her cotton quilt was missing. The police, acting on information, arrested the defendant.

Tsang also admitted stealing the other articles, the Inspector told the court.

Solicitor's funeral tomorrow

The funeral of the late Mr. R. A. Wadson will take place tomorrow.

A service will be conducted in St. John's Cathedral at 2.30 pm, after which the funeral procession will proceed to the Colonial Cemetery. The procession is expected to pass the Monument at 3 pm.

At 10 o'clock on Saturday morning the Full Court will meet in the Supreme Court to pay tribute to the memory of Mr. Wadson who was, for many years, a practising solicitor in Hongkong and until shortly before his death, a partner of Deacons.

From the Files 25 years ago

January 1936

A.R. Minu, the Indian Recreation Club and Interport left-hand bowler performed the first "hat trick" of the League season and incidentally the first of his career, when the Indians met the Civil Service at Sookimpoo in a First Division Game.

Civil Service were all out for 82, top-scorer being B.C.K. Hawkins bowled Pereira for 29. W.H. Colledge scored 18 and A.E. Perry 12. Minu's figures were four for 31, while Madar took four for 12.

Indian Recreation Club replied with 120 for five wickets, M.P. Madar scoring 21 not out, and Hawkins took two for 12. In the HKCC match versus Army, Army scored 277 for seven and Club replied with 208. E.R. Duckitt top scored with 76. Harry Owen Hughes, 45, L.D. Kibee 13. In Army's second innings they scored two for 99 declared. Lt. Dawson scoring 44 not out and Capt. D.W. Forrester scoring 39. Club went in to bat and at stumps had scored 90 for one wicket. T.E. Pearce with 64 not out and Duckitt with 21. The game thus ended in a draw.

There is the prospect of an election in the near future of a member to the newly constituted Urban Council which is being brought into being on the dissolution of the Sanitary Board.

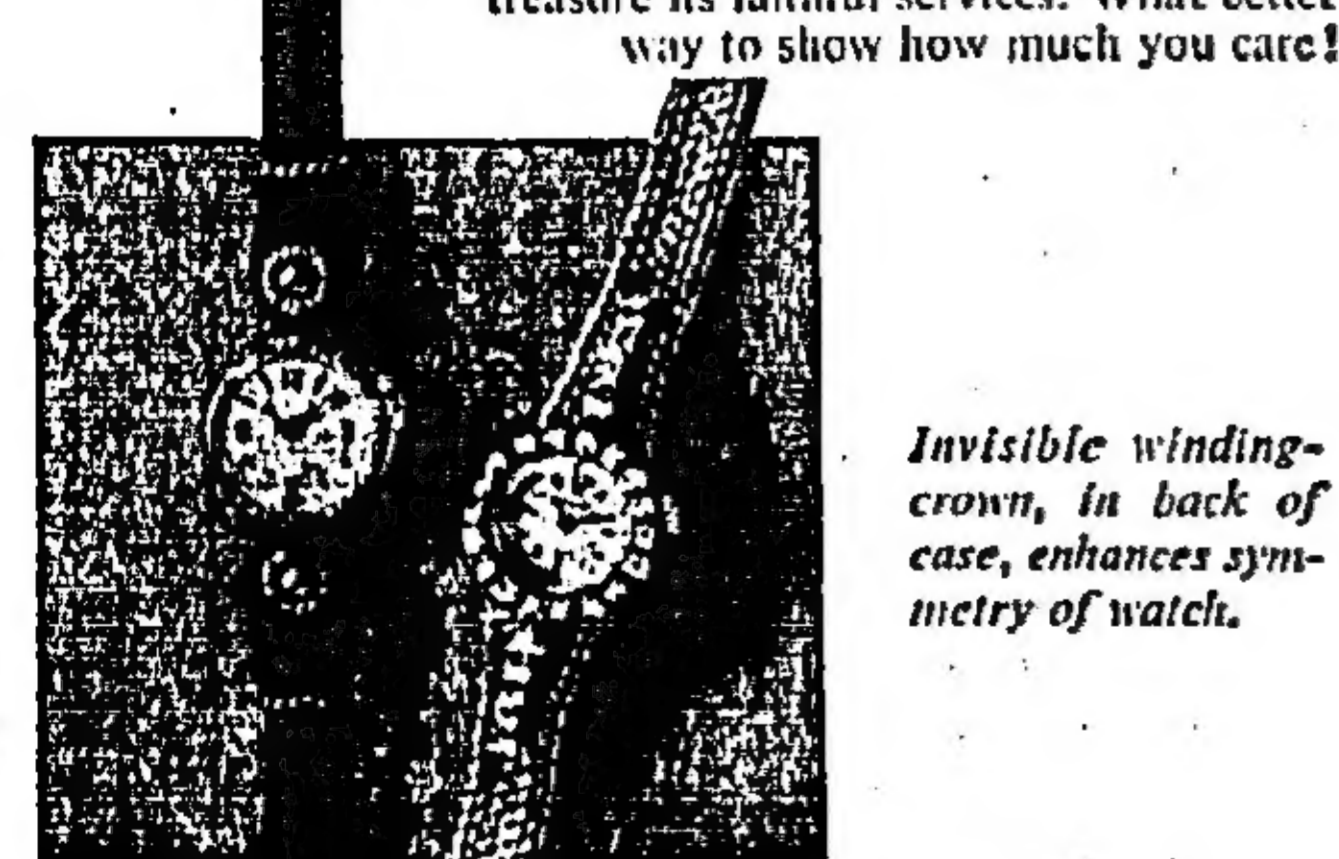
Dr. Li Shu-fan, who was re-appointed an elected member of the Sanitary Board some time ago, has, it is understood, been invited to become a Government-nominated member of the Council, and in the event of the invitation being accepted, a vacancy for an elected member will result.

It is believed that Dr. S. N. Chau, a cousin of the Hon Mr. T. N. Chau, member of the Legislative Council will come forward as a candidate, and it is stated that the seat may be contested by another member of the Chinese medical profession.

Up to the present, no date for the election or for the filing of nominations, has been announced.

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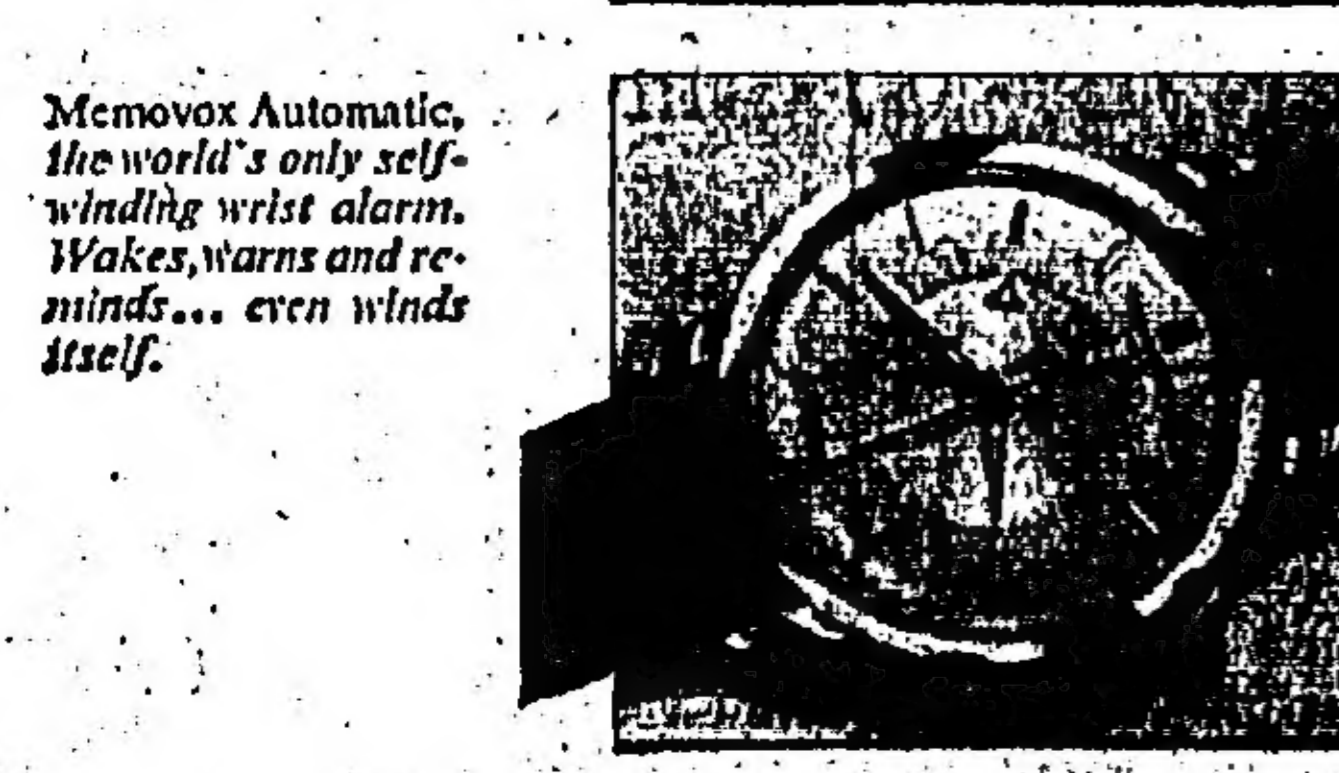
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Compensation totalling more than half the building costs was agreed in settlement to tenants of Nos. 34-36, Fa Yuen-street, Kowloon during Tenancy Tribunal proceedings which opened this morning.

Mr. Brian V. Rhodes, President with Tribunal members, Mr. J. A. Anderson and Mr. Aladar Vago, heard plans to replace the existing three-storey and 40-year-old tenements with a modern eight-storey structure designed by Mr. A. H. Baste, architect.

The applicant owners, Mr. Tang Chung-lee and Mr. Wong Mui-kwong, were represented by Mr. F. H. B. Wong of C. Y. Kwan and Co. Mr. Wong said that the cost of the new building would be \$200,000.

Settlement totalling nearly \$110,000 in compensation was agreed after negotiation. Of this sum, \$66,000 was granted to the Man Hing garment factory for premises on the ground floor of No. 34 and the 1st floor of No. 36. Mr. Lawrence Leong, on the instructions of Bruton and Co, appeared on behalf of the factory proprietor.

Other tenants who had filed opposing applications were represented by Sou and Liang. The President announced the decision to recommend exemption of the premises from provisions of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance.

Exchange visit

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LETTERS FROM YOU TO THE EDITOR Two kinds of opinion

Perhaps only in Hongkong can a film critic boast of two types of opinion, the reviewing and the critical, or acknowledge his dualism so unabashedly. If Mr. Anthony Fuller thinks his critical opinion is too good for his readers (since he only gives his reviewing opinion in his film critiques), he can scarcely expect them to think much of it.

Just as the proverbial child cannot eat his cake and have it too, a critic cannot pander to the public's taste and at the same time claim to be a serious critic.

It is high time for Mr. Fuller to realise that a film critic has to establish the ground of mutual respect between himself and his readers, and should never, never insult their intelligence. Whatever their shortcomings, readers are not morons, and can at least sense insincerity or concealed scorn in the kind of criticism Mr. Fuller writes.

It is easy to prove the worth of your critical opinion, Mr. Fuller; write for once a real film critique (i.e. a concretely analytical and not hastily descriptive one) that would test and demonstrate your critical faculties; and only by demonstration can your critical opinion win readers' genuine respect. If Mr. Fuller cannot do this, his reader can only regard his talk about critical opinion as highbrow pretentiousness.

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dear sir

worldly affairs and it is to be hoped that wherever it is that he is going to, that he will be able to have complete rest and quiet and return fully restored to health.

Col. F. T. HARRINGTON.

dear sir

Ethiopia

Your correspondent, Col. Harrington stood for "legalised gambling," during the recent "Football-pool" controversy; now he stands for "legalised murder" and eventually he certainly would fight for "legalised stupidity" and "legalised ignorance."

He was eloquent when he narrated the story of "The Lion of Judah" and his illustrious ancestor Solomon, but he was blithely of the "3,000 years of injustice," and how the "marks of disease are everywhere and cripples and beggars abound in Ethiopia. He could have gone half-million years back to Solomon when there was another type of anarchy; mob-like, homicidal men who believed in jungle revenge and savage justice.

But he quoted Exodus and taught about "God's commandments: Thou shalt not kill." But he forgot that "legalised murder" is also a type of "killing." He seemed to believe the "eye for eye," the "revenge tradition" of American and Hammarabi Codes; sentences of torture, branding, maiming,

hanging, and stoning, etc. during Christ's time. Modern systems of individual diagnosis, group therapy, personality adjustment and prevention are ignored, and perhaps unheard of by him.

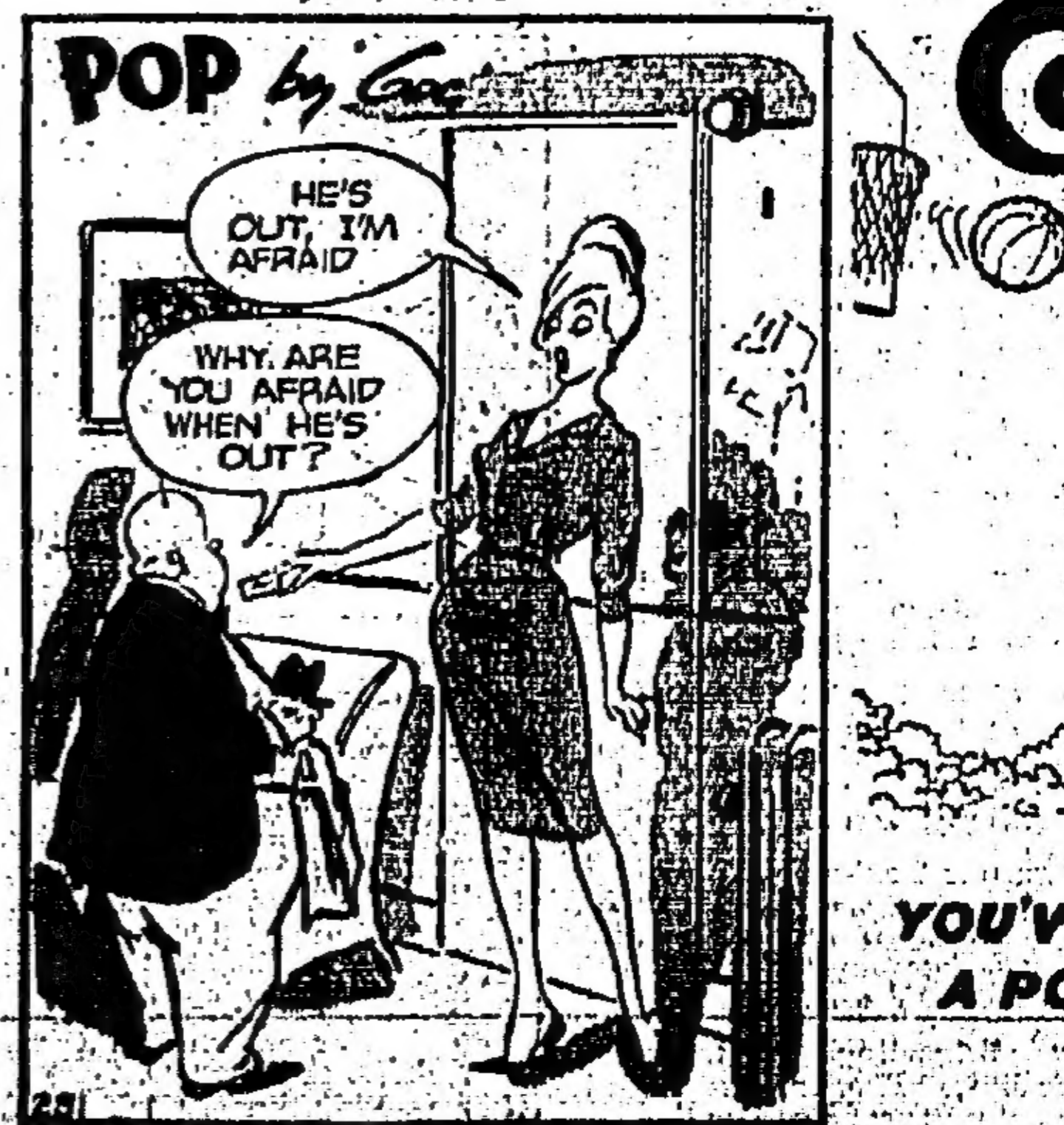
"All through history execution has been recognised as the right and fitting punishment etc. One was stoned to death..." But some modern

men, like Boris Pasternak, for example, believe that "new history" began with Christ who dared the crowd to "throw the first stone."

How many innocent girls were stoned to death indeed, until Jesus came around and told the crowd that they, the ones who threw the stones of death, were the real guilty ones.

Magdalene is a symbol of this new age of mercy and love which Col. Harrington's "born leader of men" is so ignorant of. Such a leadership is really responsible for all the "crimes, follies and misfortunes of mankind" today.

A PSYCHIATRIST.



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